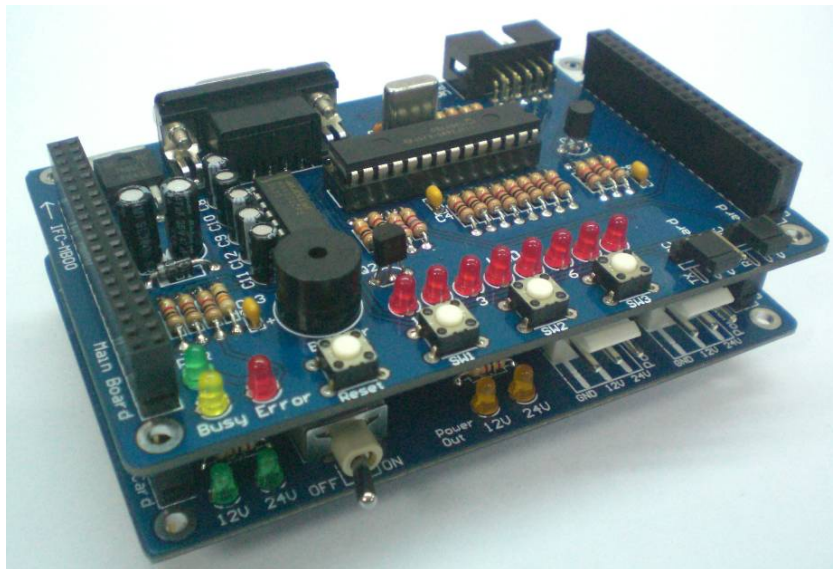




# **IFC-MB00**

## **Interface Free Controller**

### **Main Board**



## **User's Manual**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Introduction of Interface Free Controller

IFC (Interface Free Controller) offer a new concept of developing microcontroller embedded system and also robotics system. With IFC, no more frustration in determine hardware interface and configuring peripheral in software. Checking few hundreds pages of data sheet can be waved. With the concept of interfacing card, user may stack as many as 64 cards in a system to get infinite combination of peripherals. The design aim is to offer 3 simple steps in microcontroller system development – Configure card's address, Stack IFC cards, Write Program and Run!

Furthermore, with functions based software library, user save valuable time during software development by concentrating on algorithm development. No more flipping or scrolling PIC data sheet looking for ADCON0, T1CON or even TRISA. With just a programming hand book, user may simply copy the header file, call comprehensive functions and it's ready to rock.

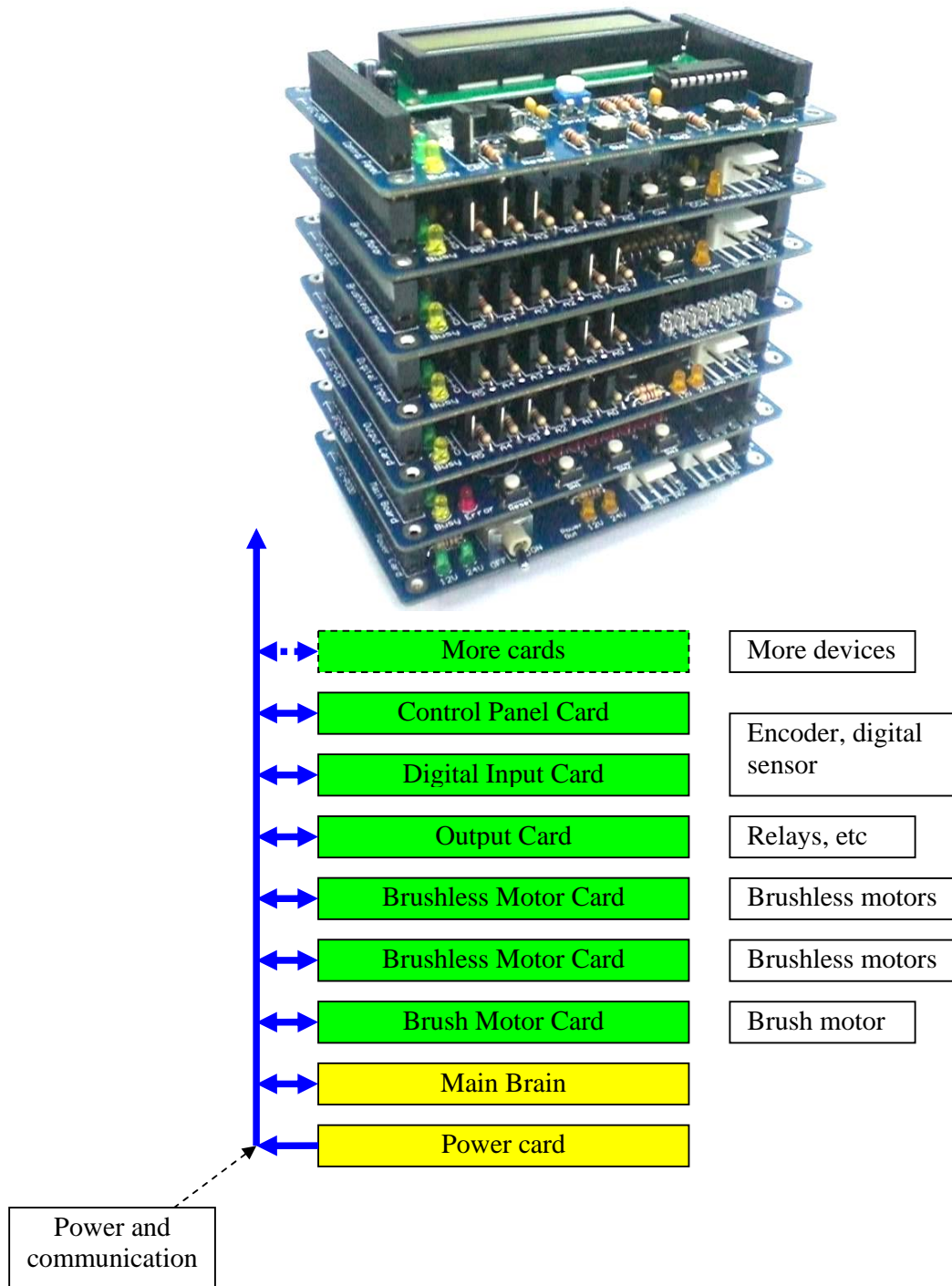
IFC come with a brain card (main controller) where the main program is loaded. There are several cards available for robotics development such as control panel, 15A brush motor driver, brushless motor controller, counter and digital input, output card and power card. This document will focus on the main board card and power card. This card has been designed with capabilities and features of:

- Industrial grade PCB.
- Every component is soldered properly and tested before board is shipped.
- **On board UIC00A connector for ICSP loading of program.**
- Come with PIC18F2685 MCU with 96K byte of program memory, 1K byte of EEPROM and 3K byte of RAM
- 3 programmable push button, and 1 Reset button
- 8 programmable indicator LED
- Power, busy and error LED
- 1 buzzer
- 5V operation
- UART or RS232 communication port ready
- **Running at 40MHz**
- Template and sample source code is provided for MPLAB C18 compiler

This document explains the usage of IFC-MB00 (Main Board) and IFC-PC00 (Power Card).

## 1.2 System Overview

With serial communication perception, IFC offer million of possibilities to develop embedded system creatively and easily. In IFC, several cards are stacked to get a complete embedded system. The minimum card requires is Power card and Main Board.

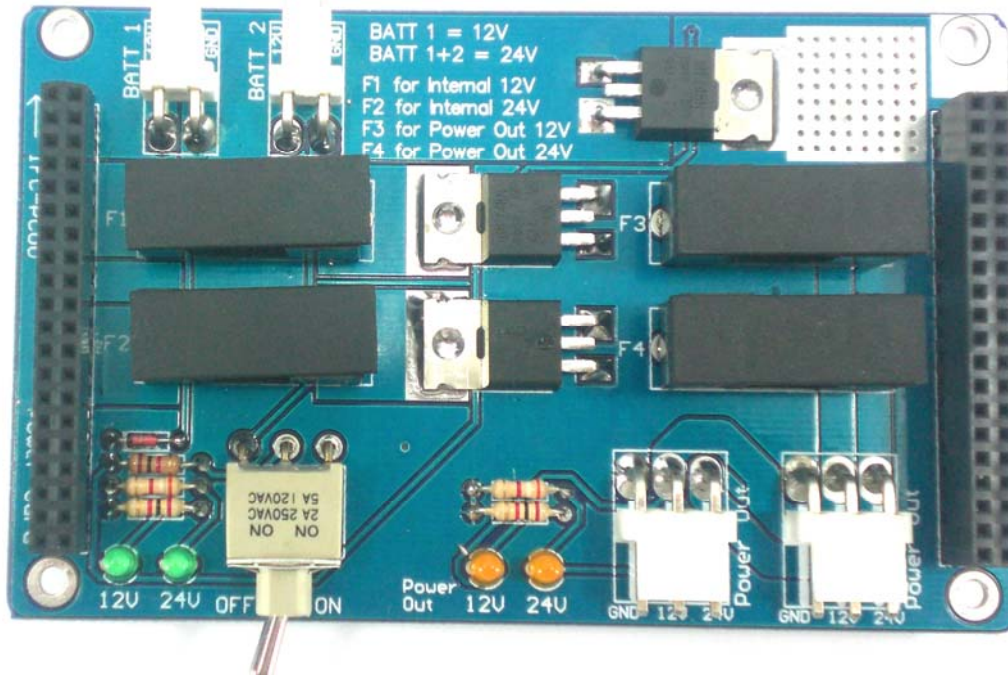


This document explains the method to use IFC-MB00.

## 2. PACKAGING LIST

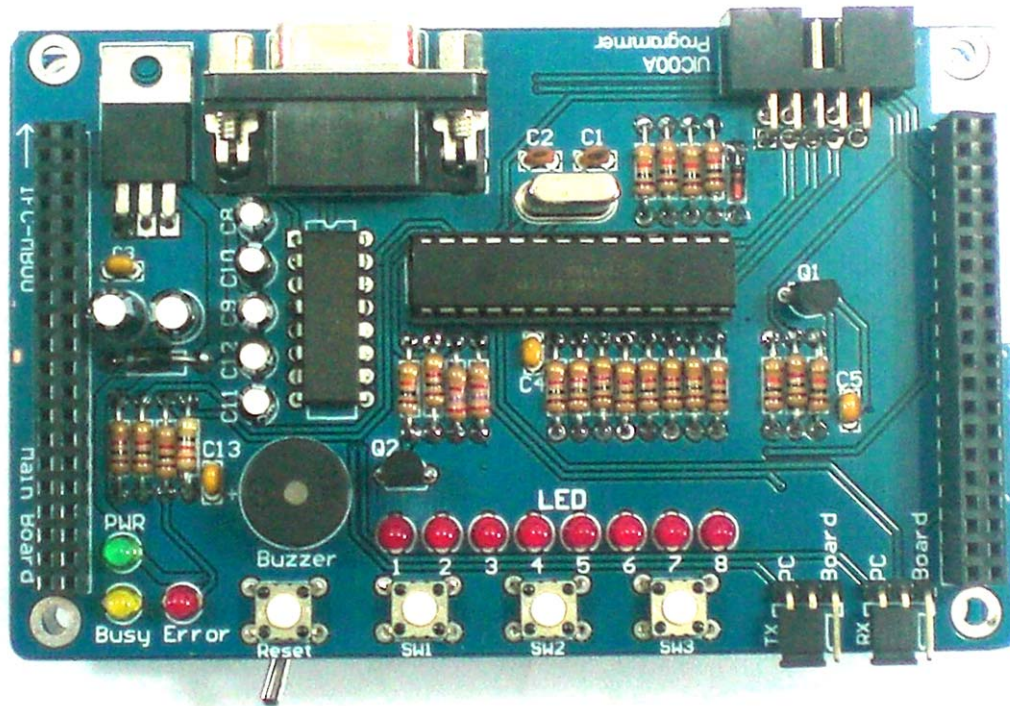
Please check the parts and components according to the packing list. If there are any parts missing, please contact us at [sales@cytron.com.my](mailto:sales@cytron.com.my) immediately.

### 2.1 Power Card (IFC-PC00)



1. 1 x IFC-PC00 with:
  - 1 x toggle switch.
  - 4 x Fuse.
  - Female connector for every terminal.
  - Other electronics components soldered on board.

## 2.2 Main Board (IFC-MB00)



### 2. 1 x IFC-MB00 with:

- 1 x PIC18F2685 PIC microcontroller.
- 1 x Buzzer.
- 1 x Serial cable adaptor (female DB9).
- 1 x Box Header.
- 2 x mini jumper.
- Other electronics components soldered on board.
- 1 x CD which contained 3 folders. The folders are Documentation (consist of IFC-MB00 User's Manual and IFC-CP04 Card Library Functions), Installer (consist of MPLAB Installer and MPLAB C18 compiler), and Program\_MB00 (consist of 2 sample source codes for IFC-MB00).

**Note:** The packaging list included 2 cards, which are IFC-MB00 and IFC-PC00. It is because IFC-MB00 needs IFC-PC00 for power supply, however, users are free to choose to purchase the cards separately base on user's requirement.

### 3. PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

The main controller of IFC-MB00 is PIC 18F2685, the specification and limitations of PIC18F2685 are as below:

#### 3.1 Special Microcontroller Features of PIC18F2685:

- C compiler Optimized Architecture with optional Extended Instruction Set
- 100,000 Erase/Write Cycle Enhanced Flash Program Memory typical
- Flash/Data EEPROM Retention: > 40 years
- Priority Levels for Interrupts
- 8 x 8 Single-Cycle Hardware Multiplier
- Extended Watchdog Timer (WDT):
  - Programmable period from 41 ms to 131s
- Single-Supply 5V In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (ICSP™) via two pins
- In-Circuit Debug (ICD) via two pins
- Wide operating voltage range: 2.0V to 5.5V

#### 3.2 Peripheral Highlights:

- High-Current Sink/source 25 mA/25 mA
- Enhanced Addressable USART module:
  - Supports RS-485, RS-232 and LIN 1.3
  - RS-232 operation using internal oscillator block (no external crystal required)

#### 3.3 Programming Tool

The main programming tool for IFC system is UIC00A. There is an on board UIC00A connector for ICSP loading of program. User can program the IFC system easily by plug in the UIC00A program to Main Board and load hex file to the board by using software, PICKit2.

#### 3.4 Input and Output device

The input and output device on MB00 are as below:

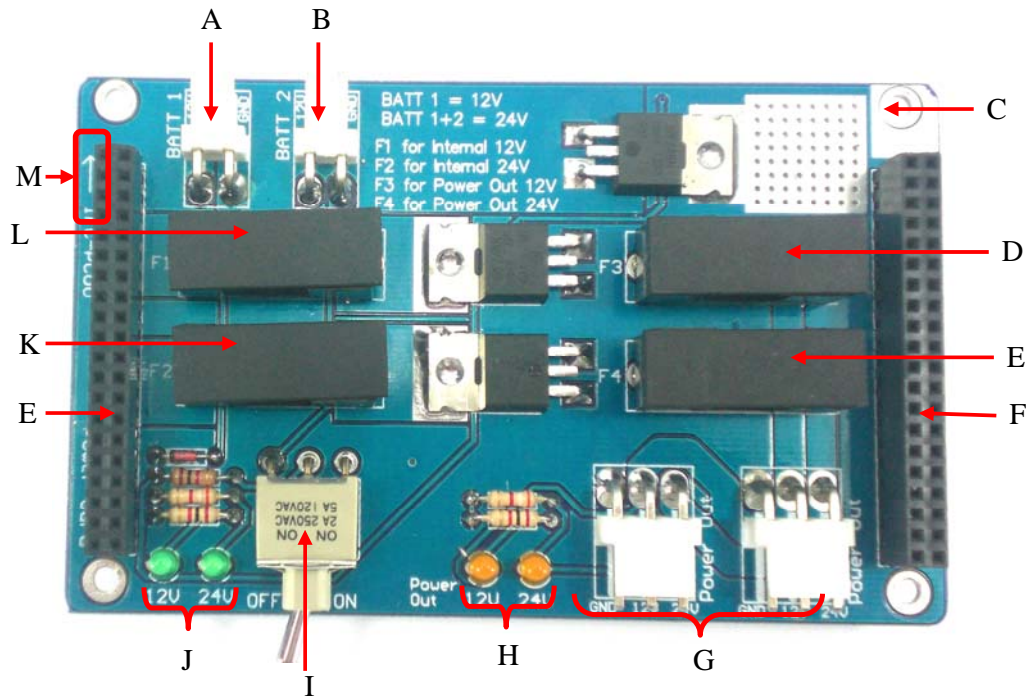
- 3 programmable push button, and 1 Reset button
- 8 programmable indicator LED
- Power, busy and error LED
- 1 buzzer

#### 3.5 Operation Voltage

The operation voltage of IFC-MB00 is 12V. User need to stack a Power Card, IFC-PC00, and connect a 12V battery on Power Card to supply 12V to the Main Board.

## 4. BOARD OR PRODUCT LAYOUT

### 4.1. Power Card (IFC-PC00)



Label	Function	Label	Function
A	Batt1 connector	H	Power Out LED
B	Batt2 connector	I	Toggle switch
C	Orientation marking	J	Status Indicator LED
D	Fuse 3	K	Fuse 2
E	Fuse 4	L	Fuse 1
F	Side connector	M	Arrow
G	Power Out connector		

A – is Batt1 connector, a 12V battery should be connected here to supply 12V to the system. Please ensure the **polarity is correct** when connect battery to the board.

B – is Batt2 connector, connect an additional 12V battery here will allow a supply of 24V (Battery 1 + Battery 2) to the system. Please ensure the **polarity is correct** when connecting battery to the board.

C – is the orientation marking on IFC-PC00. Every IFC card will have this orientation marking, this is to help user in ensuring the cards are stack correctly.

D – is Fuse 3 (F3) which provide over current protection to 12V Power Out, when the fuse blows, 12V Power Out to system will be terminated. The fuse value is 15A.

E – is Fuse 4 (F4) which provide over current protection to 24V Power Out, when the fuse blows, 24V Power Out to system will be terminated. The fuse value is 15A.

F – are side connector for stack card and communication between cards.

G – are two Power Out connector for user to use as power supply for other output device, example: brushless motor.

H – are 2 Power Out LED to indicate the availability of the Power Out supply to other IFC cards.

I – is a toggle switch for user to ON/OFF the main power supply.

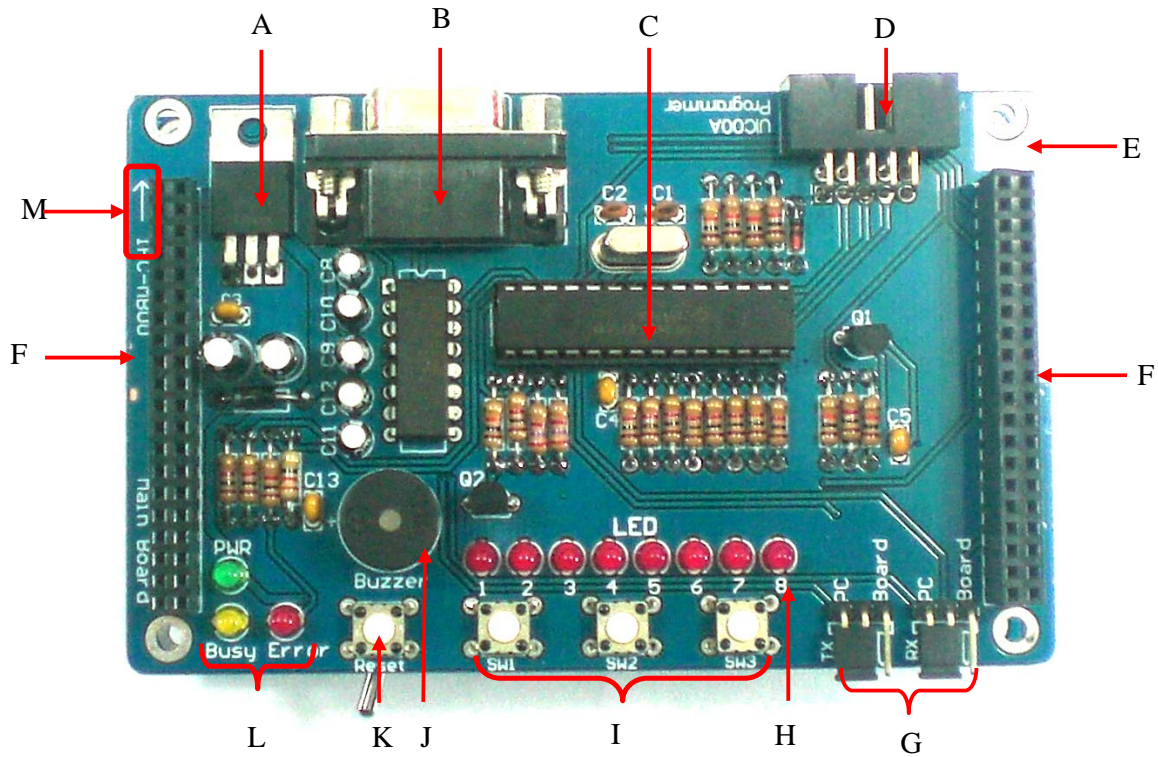
J – are 2 status indicator LED to indicate status for power supply. 12V LED will turn ON when Batt1 is connected with a 12V battery. Both of 12V and 24V LED will turn ON when Batt1 and Batt2 are connected with 12V battery.

K – is Fuse 2 (F2) which provide over current protection to 24V power supply, when the fuse blows, 24V power supply to system will be terminated. The fuse value is 10A.

L – is Fuse 1 (F1) which provide over current protection to 12V power supply, when the fuse blows, 12V power supply to system will be terminated. The fuse value is 5A.

M – is an arrow to help user in ensuring the cards are stack correctly. Every IFC card has this arrow; user needs to ensure that the arrow points to the same direction when IFC cards are stack together.

## 4.2. Main Board (IFC-MB00)



Label	Function	Label	Function
<b>A</b>	5V regulator	<b>H</b>	Output LED
<b>B</b>	Serial cable adaptor (female DB9)	<b>I</b>	Push buttons
<b>C</b>	PIC18F2685	<b>J</b>	Buzzer
<b>D</b>	Box Header for UIC00A	<b>K</b>	Reset Button
<b>E</b>	Orientation marking	<b>L</b>	Status Indicator LED
<b>F</b>	Side connector	<b>M</b>	Arrow
<b>G</b>	Header Pin for UART communication selection		

A – is a 5V voltage regulator.

B – is a Serial port (RS232) which allow user to connect the controller's UART to PC.

C – is PIC18F2685 which is used as main controller for the system.

D – is a 2x5 box header for UIC00A, USB ICSP PIC Programmer.

E – is the orientation marking on IFC-MB00. Every IFC card will have this orientation marking, this is to help user in ensuring the cards are stack correctly.

F – are side connector for stack card and communication between cards.

G – 2 sets of 3 x 1 header pin for Rx and Tx communication. User can choose to connect the controller's UART either to PC or Board. Connection to Board is reserved for IFC future development.

H – are 8 LEDs as output for Main Brain.

I – are 3 push buttons for user to use as mode selection switch.

J – is a buzzer for user to use as alarm or indicator.

K – is a push button with the function of Reset for PIC18F2685 on board.

L – are 3 status indicator LED to indicate status for power ON (PWR), busy in communication with other cards (Busy) and program error (Error). PWR LED will ON when power supplied to the board. Busy LED will ON when the card is busy in communication with other slave card like Output Card, Control Panel and Digital Input card. Error LED will ON when the address set on slave card did not match with the address in main program.

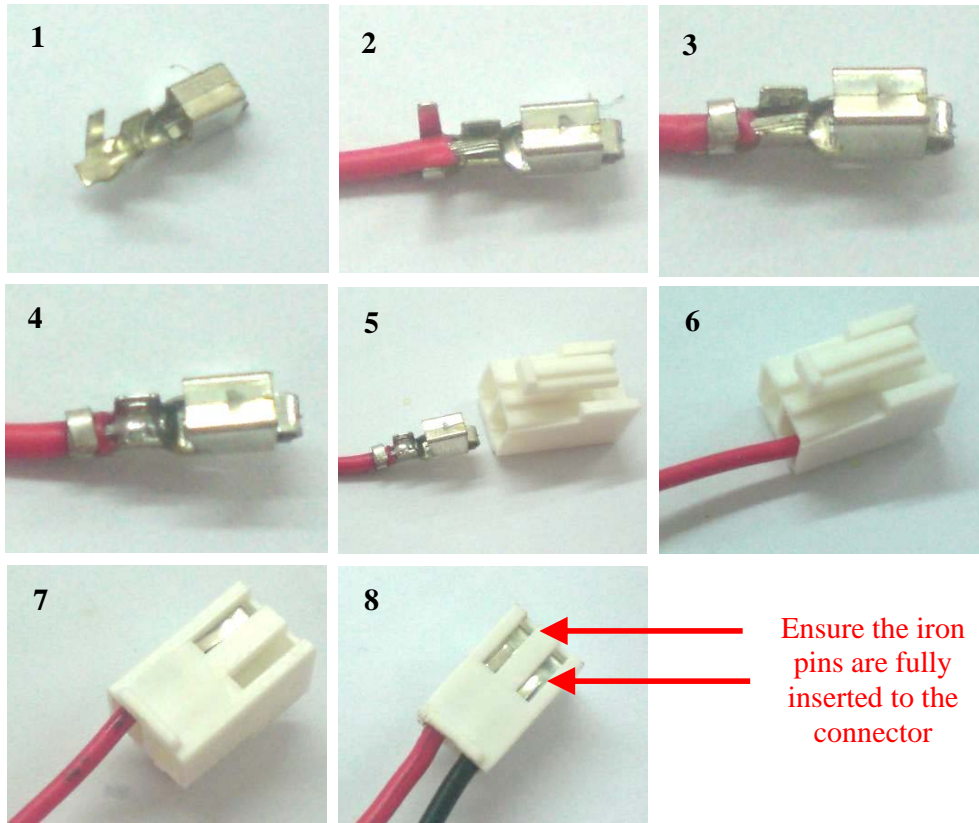
M – is a arrow to help user in ensuring the cards are stack correctly. Every IFC card has this arrow; user needs to ensure that the arrow points to the same direction when IFC cards are stack together.

## 5. INSTALLATION (HARDWARE)

i) Main power supply:

- **1 x 12V battery.**
- Provide power for circuit, relays, sensors and signal for brush motor.
- If brushless motor is used, 2 x 12V batteries must be connected to provide 24V.

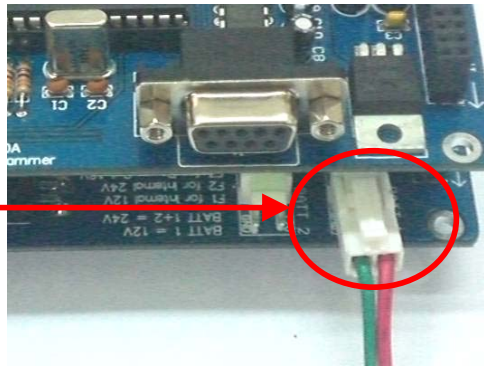
ii) How to connect the wire to battery connector (3961):



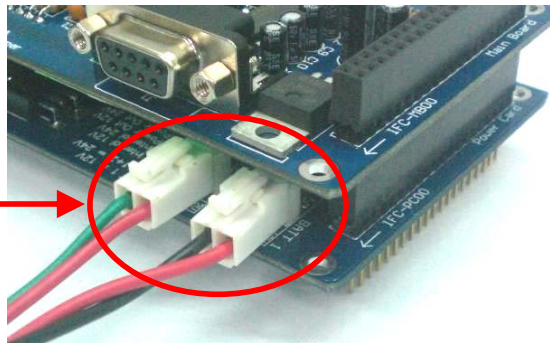
The red wire connected to VCC (+) of battery while the black wire connected to GND (-) of the battery. Please make sure the **polarity is correct** when connect the wire to the connector.

iii) Connect battery to Power Card, IFC-PC00.

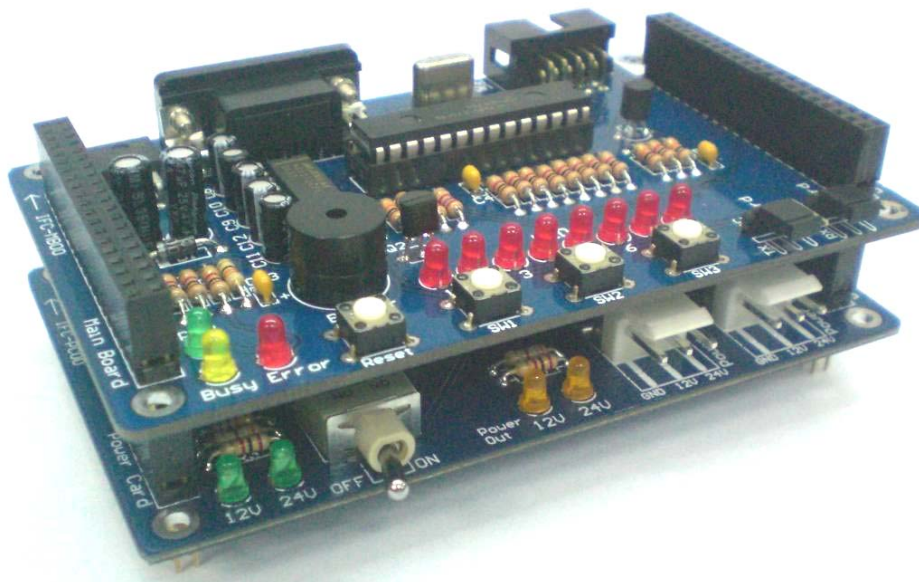
Connect 1 x 12V battery to supply operating voltage to IFC. **Ensure the polarity is correct.**



If 24V is needed in the system, connect 2 x 12V batteries to PC00. **Ensure the polarity is correct.**



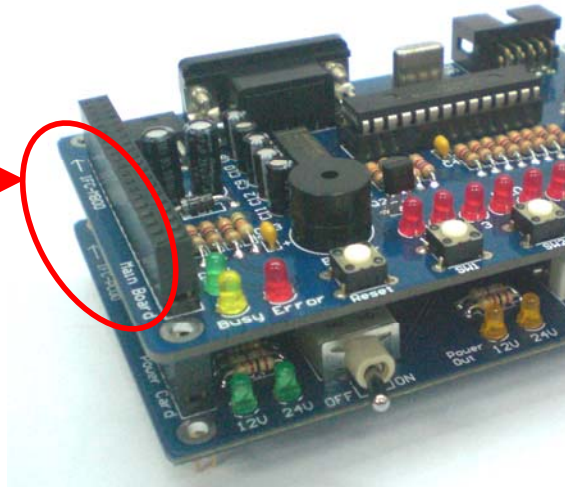
iv) Stacking IFC cards together.



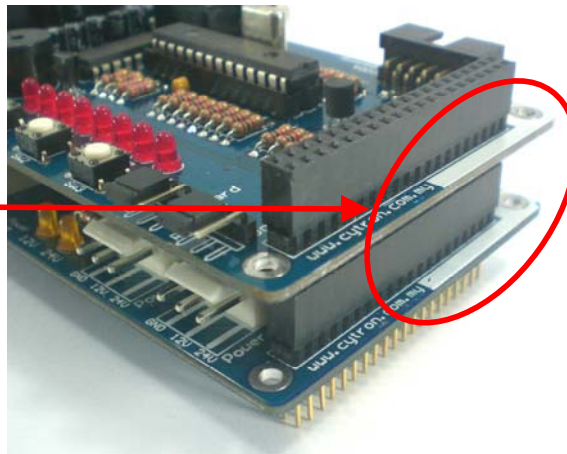
IFC-MB00 stacked on IFC-PC00

- v) Ensure every card is being stack properly in correct orientation.

Ensure the arrow  
points to the same  
direction



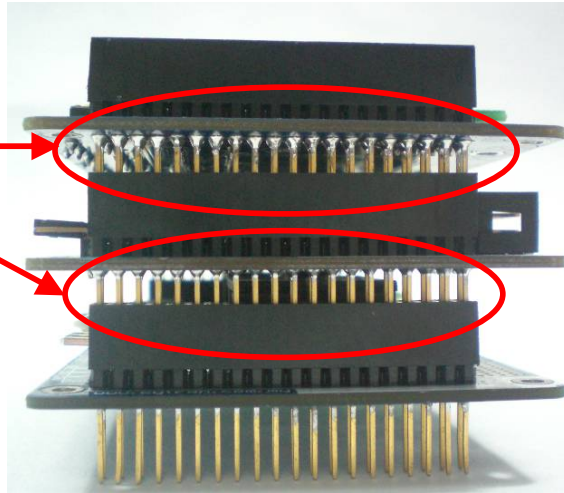
Ensure the  
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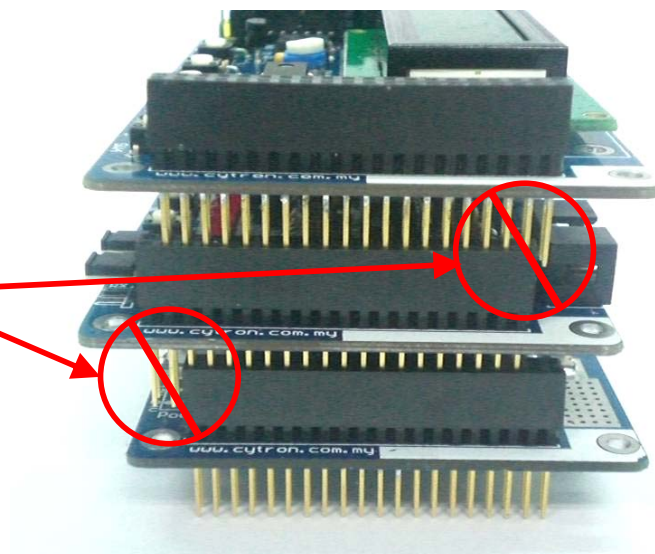
**Cautions:** Please ensure that every card is being stacked properly in correct orientation. Whole IFC system will be damaged if one of the cards is being stacked wrongly when it is powered up.

Besides stack every card in correct orientation, user must also require to ensure all card pins are not shifted when stacking. Figures show the example of stacking cards in proper location and example of stacking cards with shifted pins.

Ensure that all card pins are not shifted when stacking.



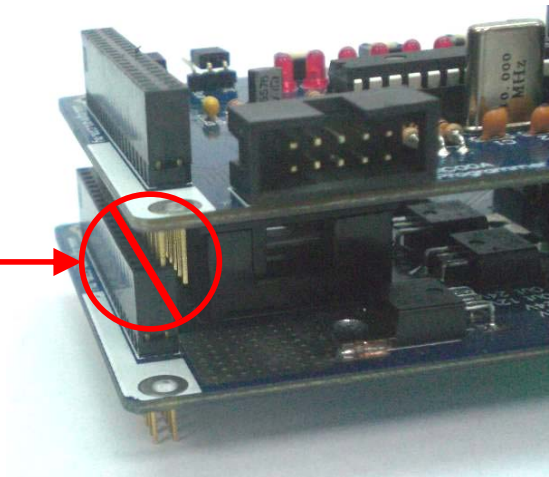
Examples of stacking cards with shifted pins. Please AVOID this!



Ensure that all card pins are not shifted when stacking.

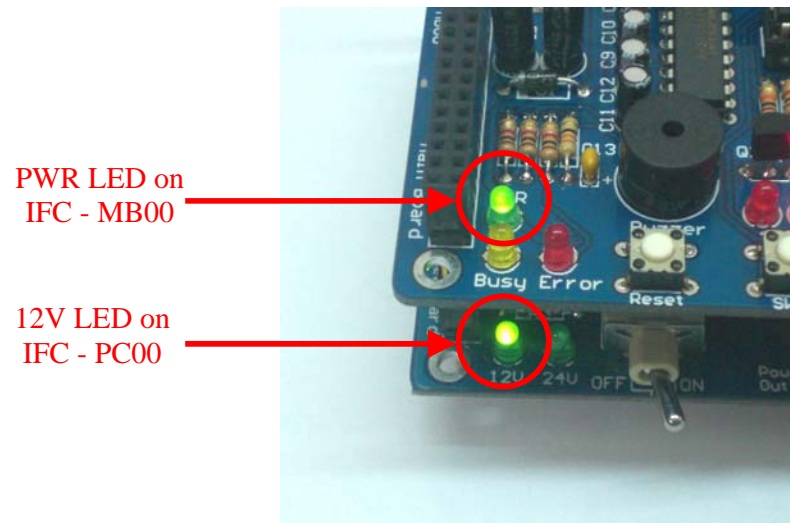


Examples of stacking cards with shifted pins. Please AVOID this!

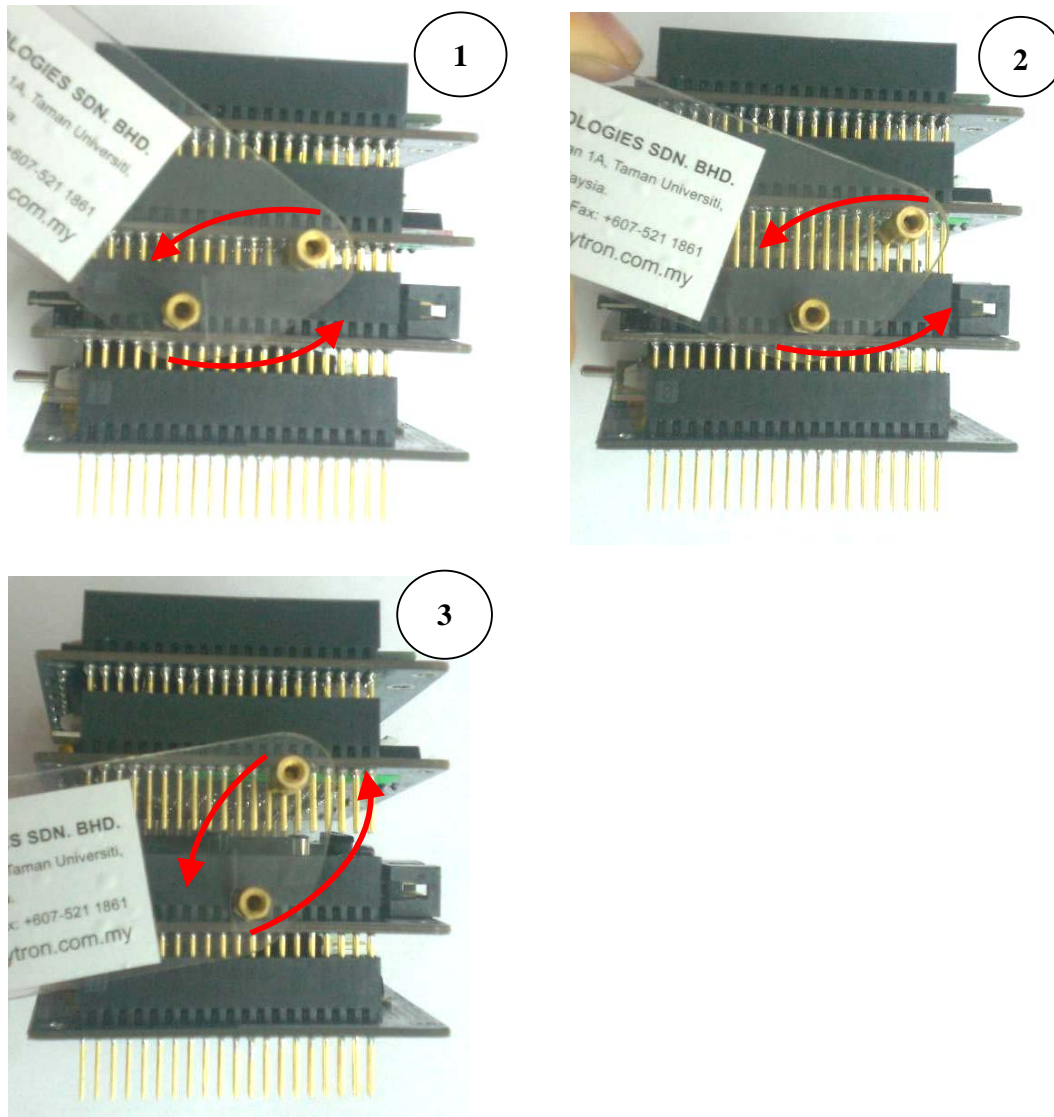


**Cautions:** Please ensure that all card pins are not shifted when stacking. IFC system will NOT function if the pins are shifted.

Next, please turn ON the power on Power Card by pushing the toggle switch to “ON” label, the PWR LED of IFC-MB00 and IFC-PC00 will turn ON as shown in Figure.



To open the cards, user can use the IFC card's opener to open the stacked cards. Figure shows the method to open cards with the opener. Please ensure the power is **OFF** before inserting or removing IFC card.



**Caution:** Please use the opener to open IFC cards to avoid damage to pins or cards.

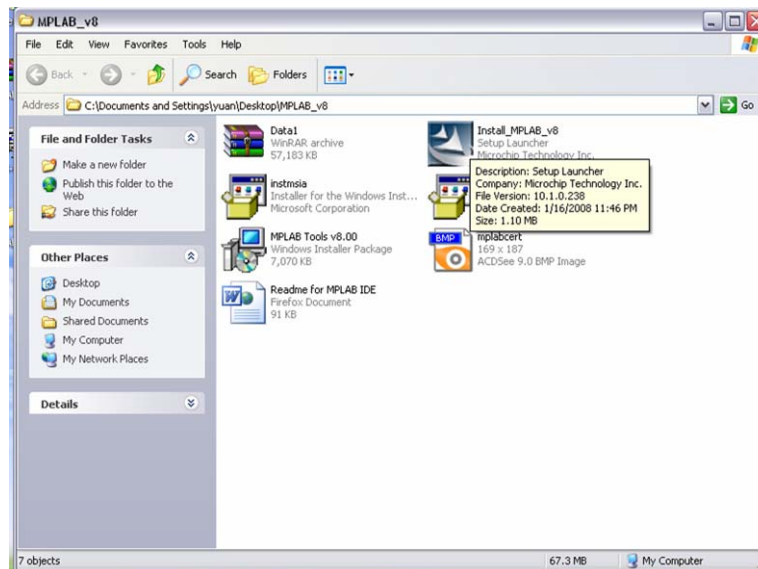
## 6. INSTALLATION (SOFTWARE)

A program editor, C compiler and UIC00A software is required to be installed in order for user to write program, compile it and further loading program to IFC main board. User is recommended to use MPLAB IDE as source code editor and MPLAB C18 as C compiler. Both this software is from Microchip and it is provided freely to download. This section will explain the method to install these software and next section will briefly discuss on method to use it. As for the installation of UIC00A software, please refer to UIC00A User's Manual.

### 6.1 MPLAB IDE Installation

MPLAB Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is a comprehensive editor, project manager and design desktop for application development of embedded designs using Microchip PICmicro and dsPIC microcontrollers. It is a free product of Microchip Inc. and is an effort to make source code development as smooth and comprehensive as possible. It is called an Integrated Development Environment, or IDE, because it provides a single integrated “environment” to develop code for embedded microcontrollers. MPLAB IDE provides a good platform for other compiler language tools to be integrated. MPLAB C17, MPLAB C18 and MPLAB C30 from microchip provide fully integrated, optimized code. To install MPLAB IDE, simply open the folder of “IFC\Installer\MPLAB\_v8” in the IFC-MB00 CD. Current version of MPLAB IDE is 8.00. For the latest version of MPLAB IDE, please download from Microchip website, [www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com). Please install MPLAB IDE according to the following steps.

1. Please double click on the Setup Launcher to install MPLAB V8.00.



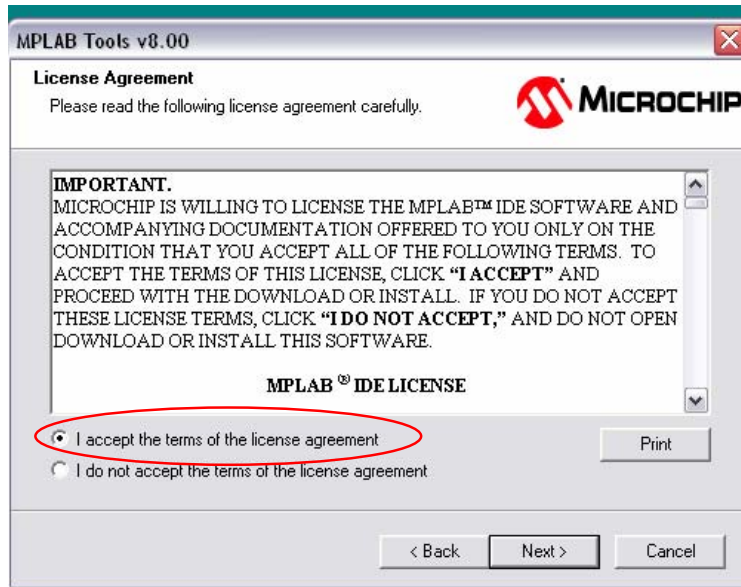
2. The InstallShield Wizard will pop out.



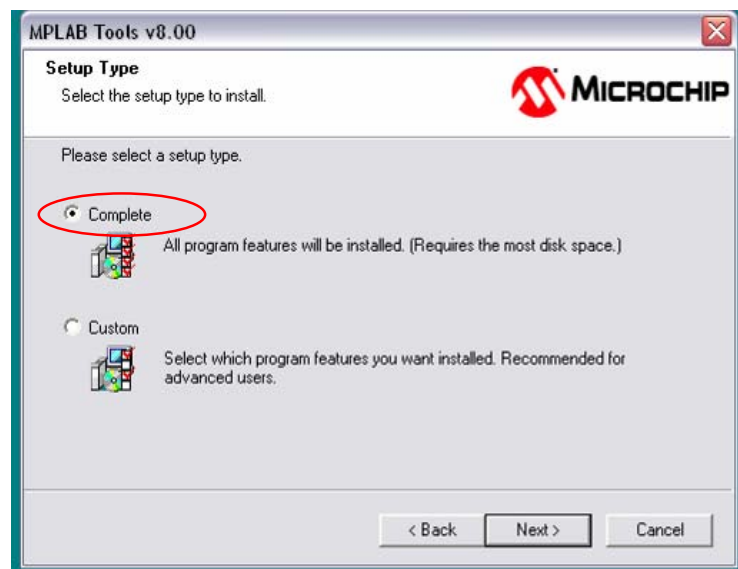
3. After all the directions shown in the welcome note (as in following diagram) is done, please click *Next>* for next step.



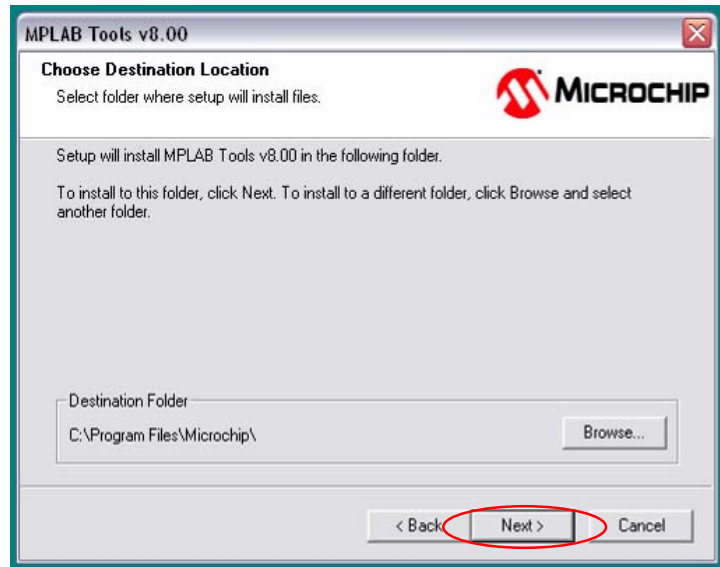
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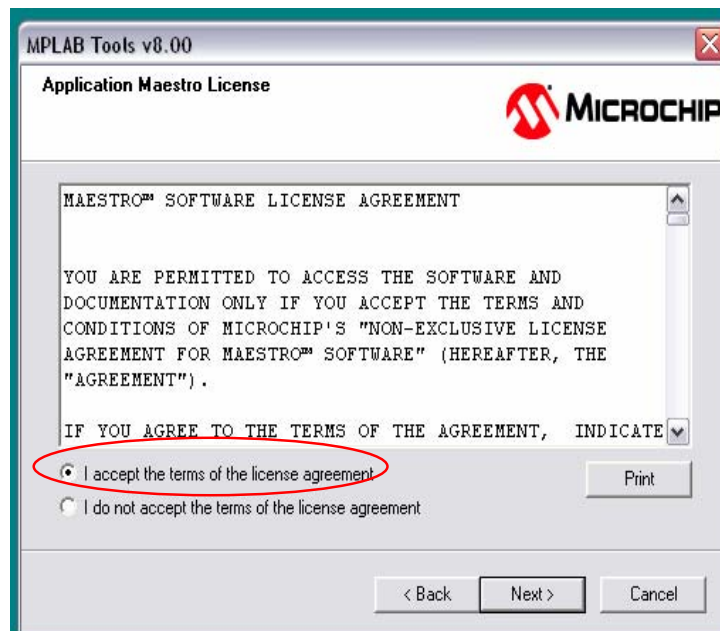
5. Please select *Complete* for the setup type to install all program features, and click *Next>* to next step.



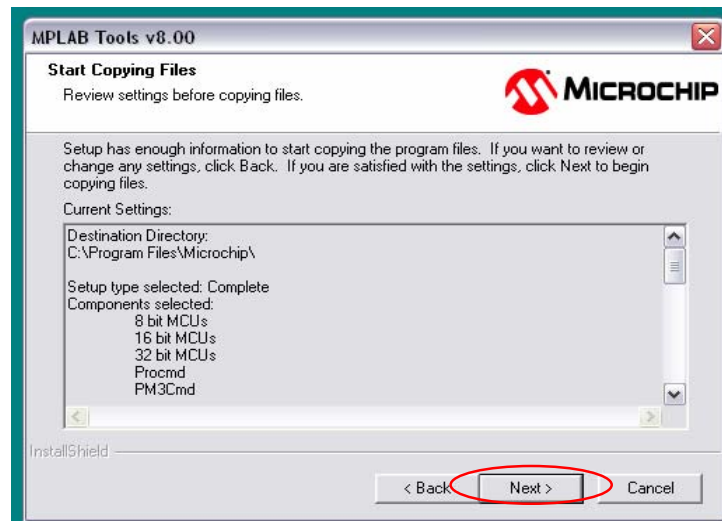
6. In the *Choose Destination Location*, user is recommended to use the default destination folder, which is *C:\Program Files\Microchip\* or user is also free to select the other destination folder by using the *Browse...* button to browse to the desired destination folder. After that, click *Next>* for next step.



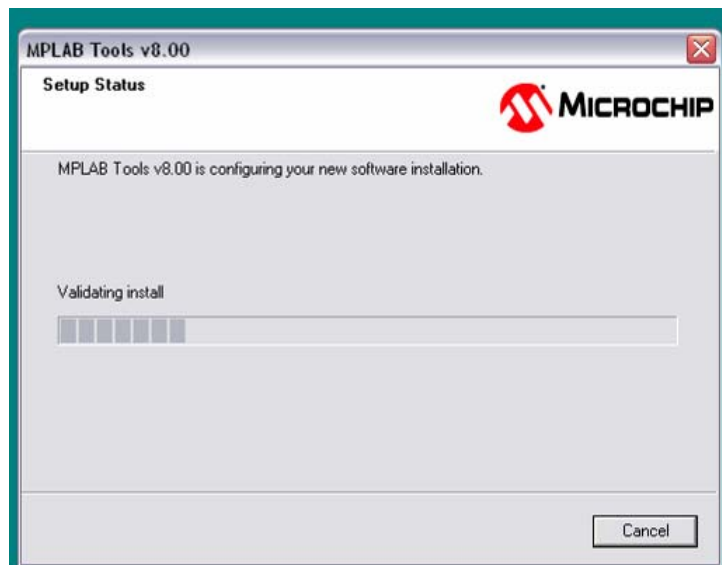
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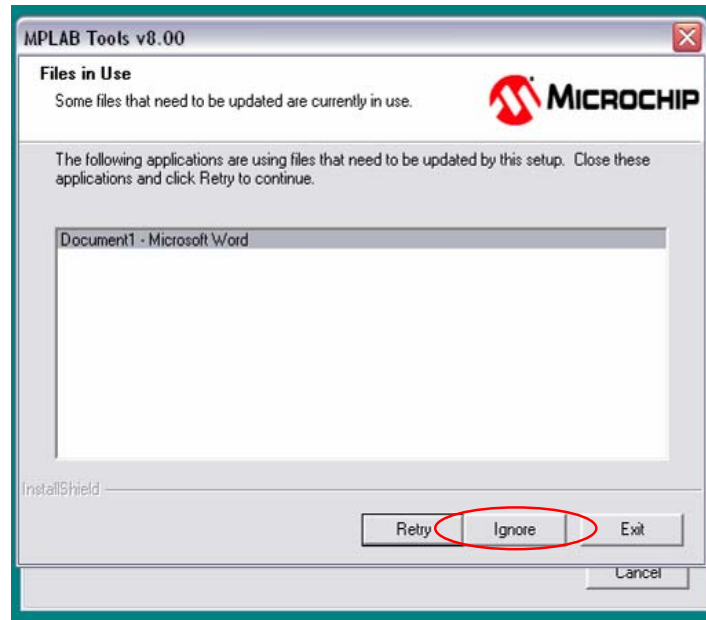
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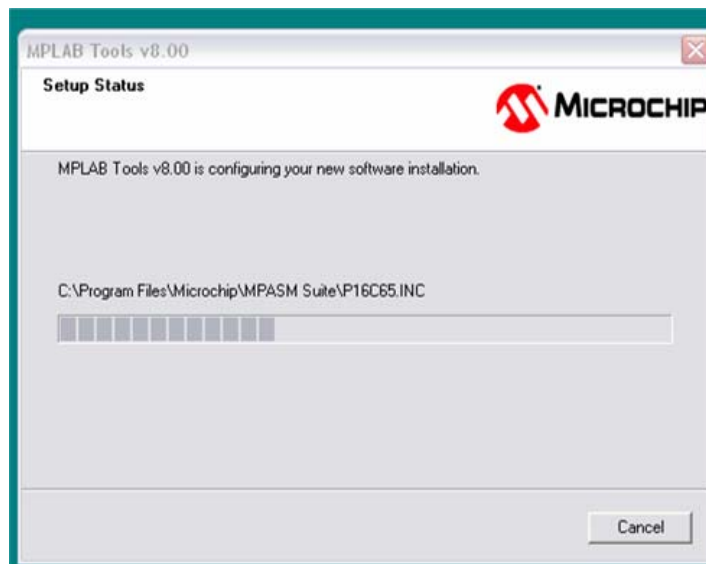
9. Please wait for awhile for the installation process shown in diagram below.



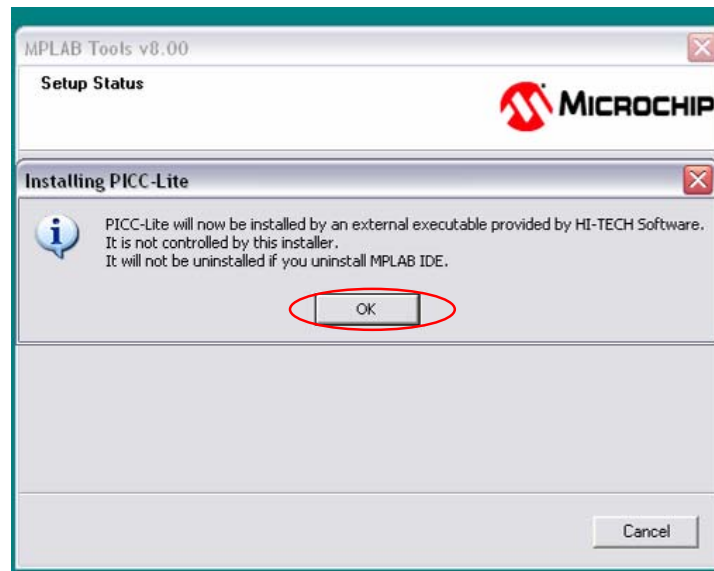
10. A window will pop out if there are any program that did not close at the beginning of the installation, user is recommended to close the entire unnecessary program and click *Retry* to proceed on the installation. User may also click on *Ignore* if you need to run the other program concurrently. For this example, *Ignore* is clicked.



11. Please wait for the installation process to be completed.



12. A window for *Installing PICC-Lite* will pop out, please click *OK* to proceed.



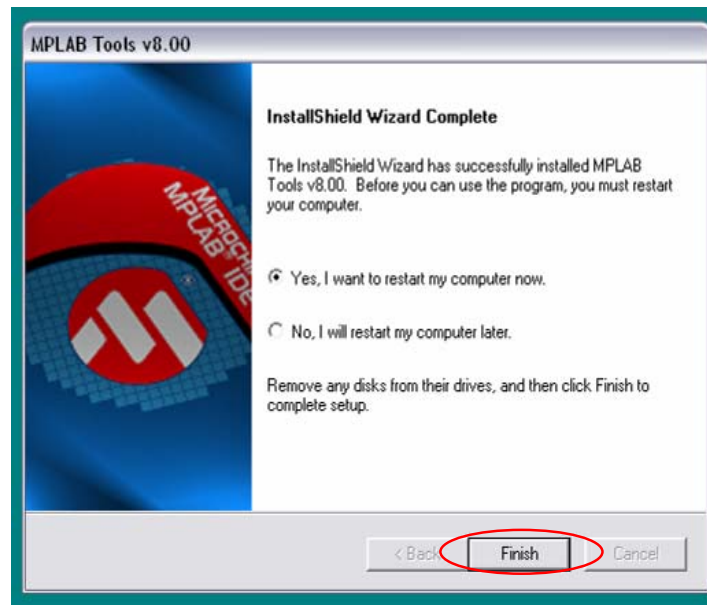
13. Please click *Cancel* to exit from Installing HI-TECH PICC-Lite since this function will not be use in IFC. Anyway, user may also install HI-TECH PICC-Lite if it is needed.



14. Please click *Yes* for the pop out window to cancel the setup of HI-TECH PICC-Lite.



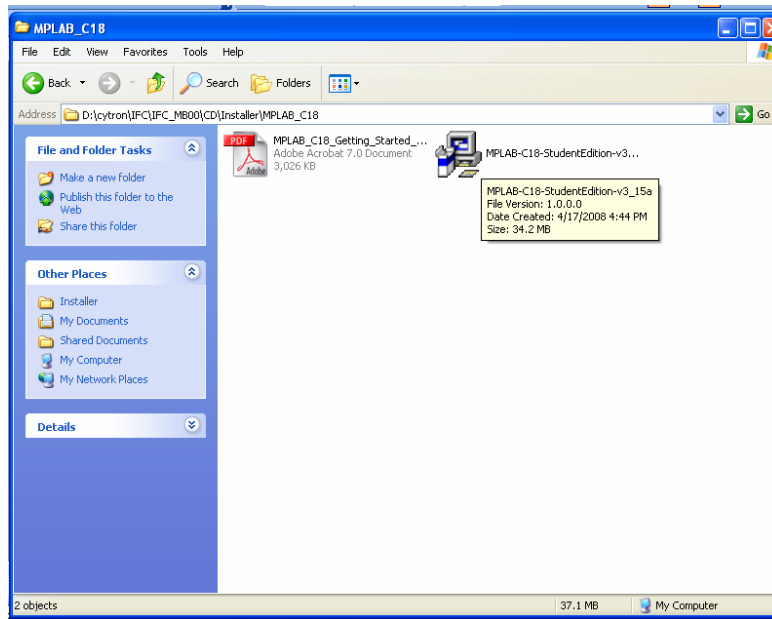
15. The installation of MPLAB V8.00 is completed. Please click *Finish* to exit. User may need to restart the computer just after the installation or restart later.



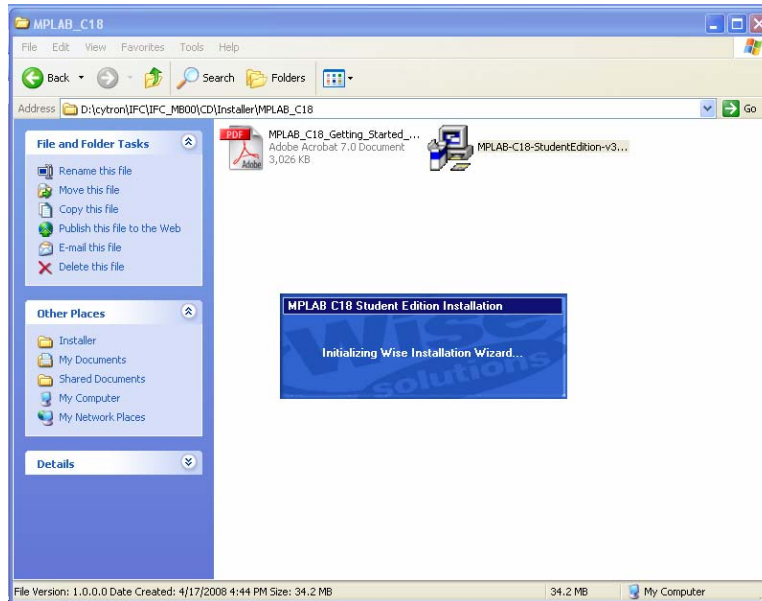
## 6.2 MPLAB C18 Compiler Installation

The MPLAB<sup>®</sup> C18 compiler is a full-featured ANSI compliant C compiler for the PIC18 family of PICmicro<sup>®</sup> 8-bit MCUs. Microchip offer free MPLAB C18 compiler for student with no limitation of code size and PIC type; the only drawback is the code optimization is disabled. For details description of MPLAB C18, please refer to MPLAB C18 User's Manual. Following diagrams show the installation guide of Student Version of MPLAB C18 compiler. To start MPLAB C18 installation, simply open the folder of "IFC\Installer\MPLAB\_C18" in the IFC-MB00 CD. MPLAB IDE needs to be installed before installation of MPLAB C18. Please install MPLAB C18 according to following steps.

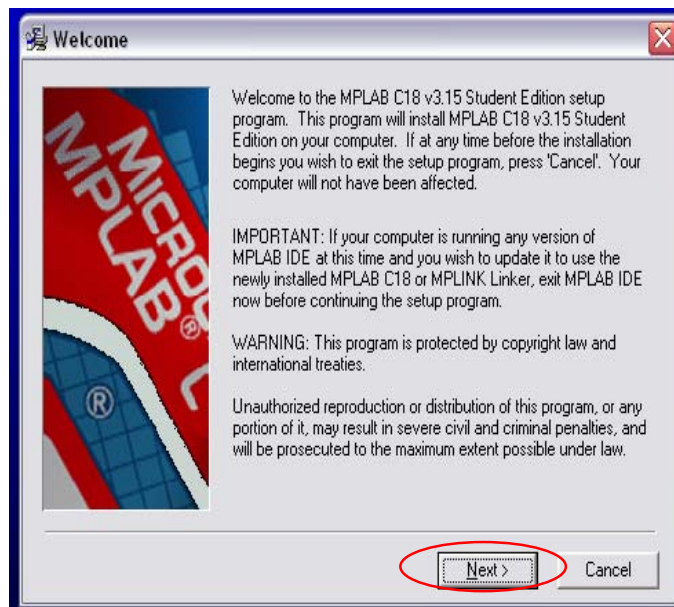
1. Please double click on the application file for MPLAB-C18-StudentEdition-v3\_15a to start the installation.



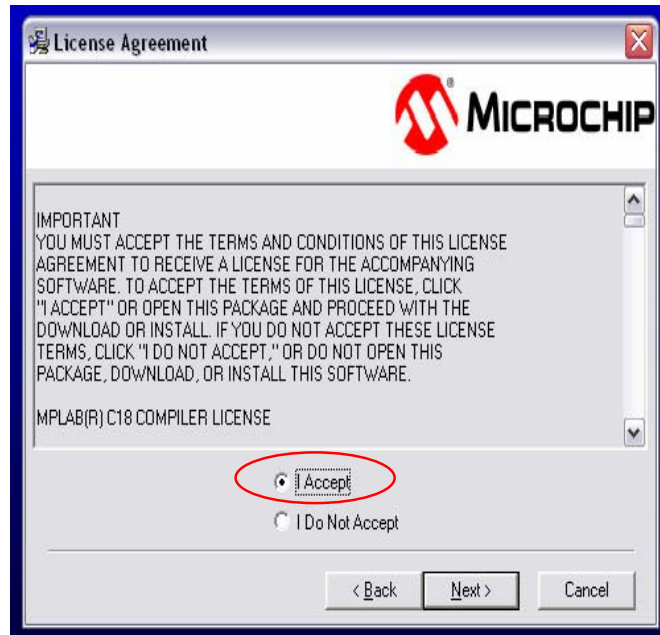
2. An Initializing Wizard that looks like the diagram below will pop out



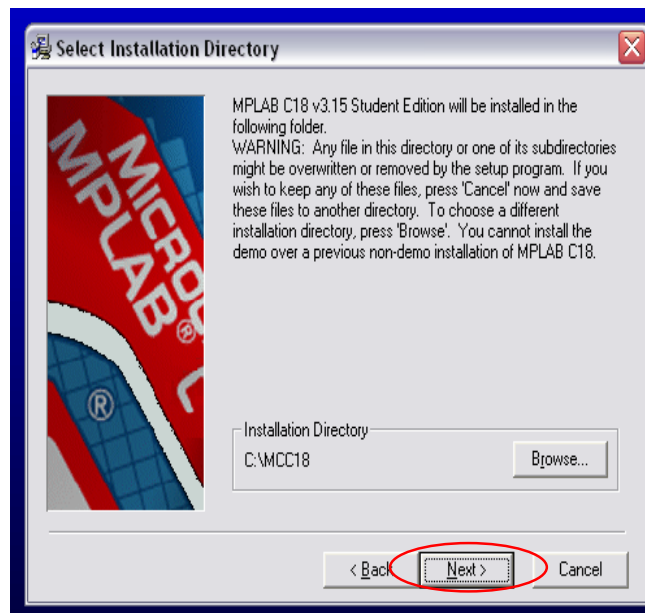
3. After that, there will be a welcome screen displays the version number of MPLAB C18 that the setup program will install. Please click *Next>* to proceed.



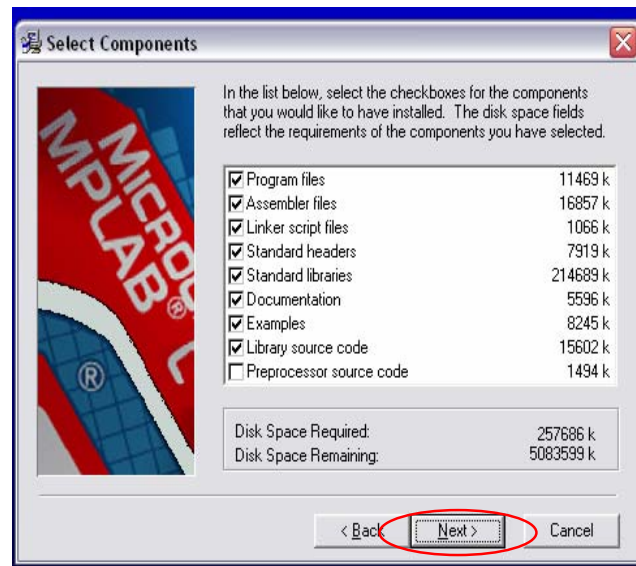
4. For License Agreement, please select *I Accept* if it is not selected in the diagram below, and click *Next>* after this.



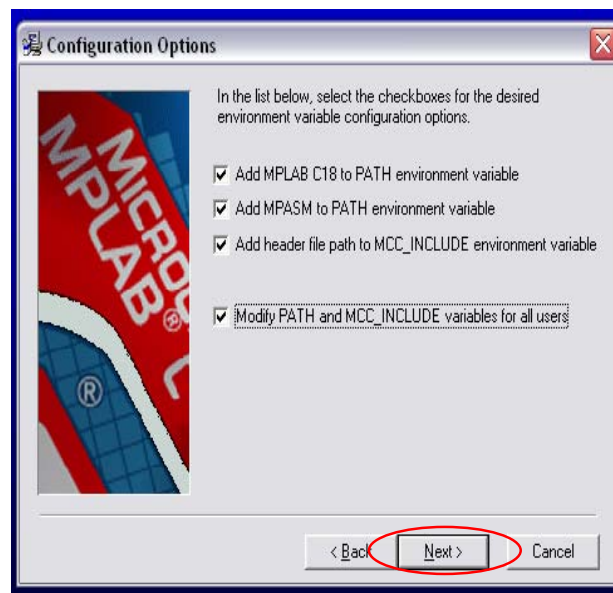
5. In the *Select Installation Directory*, user is recommended to use the default installation directory, which is *C:\MCC18* or user is also free to select the other installation directory by using the *Browse...* button to browse to the desired destination folder. After that, click *Next>* for next step.



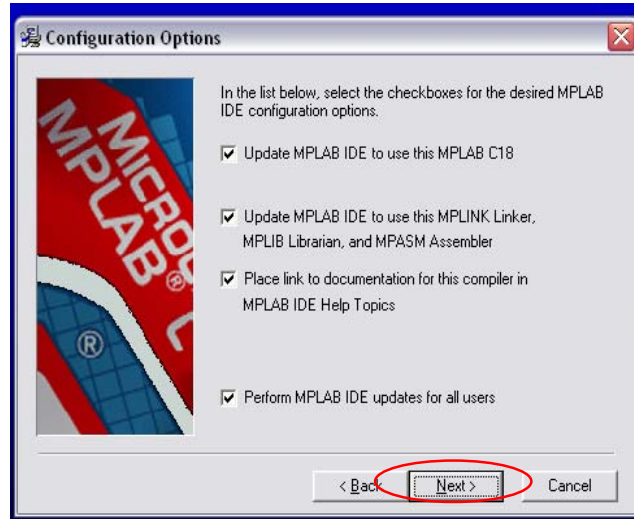
6. User can choose the components to be installed by checking the appropriate box in *Select Components* window. Please refer to MPLAB-C18-Getting-Started document in the CD for detailed description of the available components.



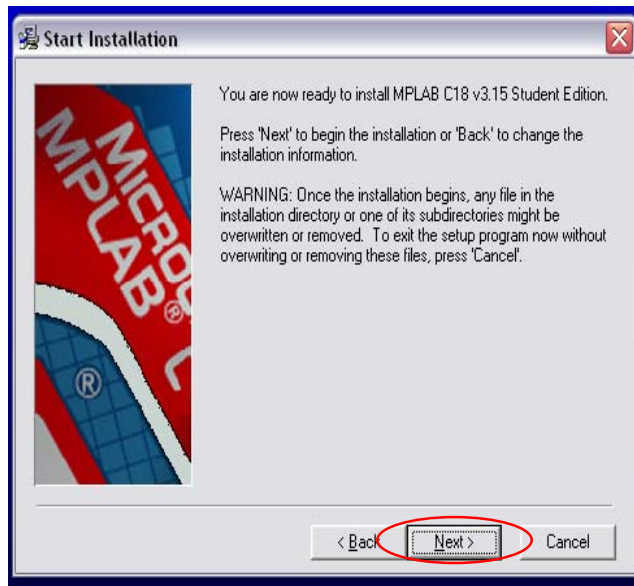
7. The *Configuration Options* window allows users to select a particular set of desired environment variable configuration options for their system. Please refer to MPLAB-C18-Getting-Started document in the CD for detailed description of the available configuration options. In this example, all the options are selected. Please click *Next>* to continue.



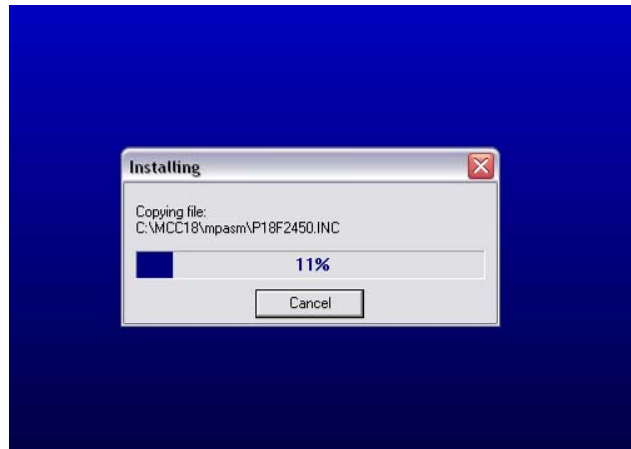
8. There is another *Configuration Options* which allows users to select a particular set of desired MPLAB IDE configuration options for their system. Please refer to MPLAB-C18-Getting-Started document in the CD for detailed description of the available configuration options. In this example, all the options are selected. Please click *Next>* to continue.



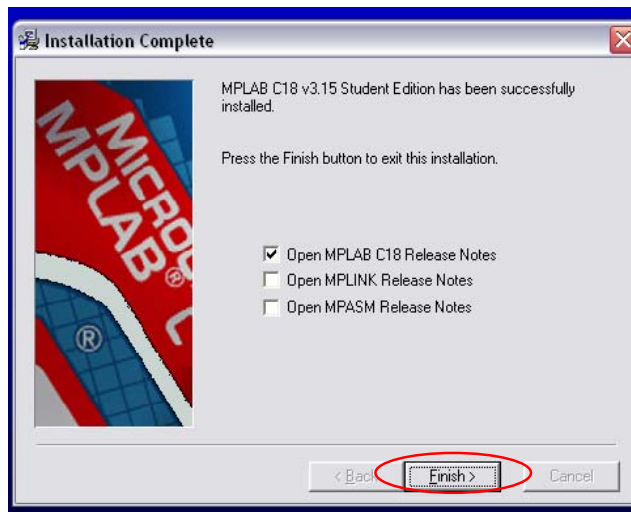
9. Please click *Next>* for the diagram below to start installation after all the setting done.



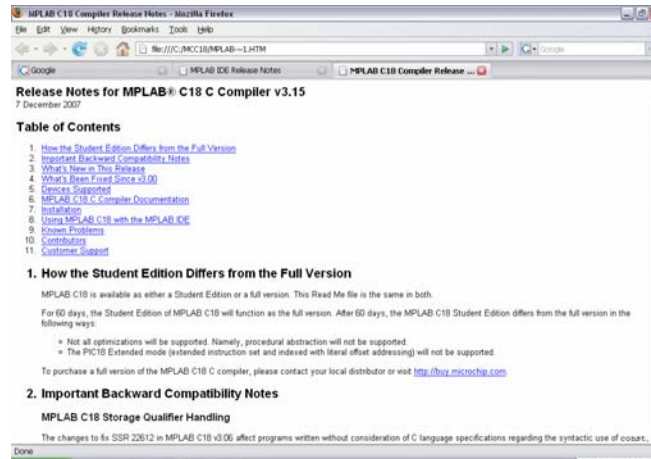
10. Please wait for awhile for the installation process shown in diagram below.



11. After the installation completed, a diagram as below will be shown, user can select the release notes that wish to read, in this example, the release notes for MPLAB C18 is being selected. Please click *Finish>* to exit installation.



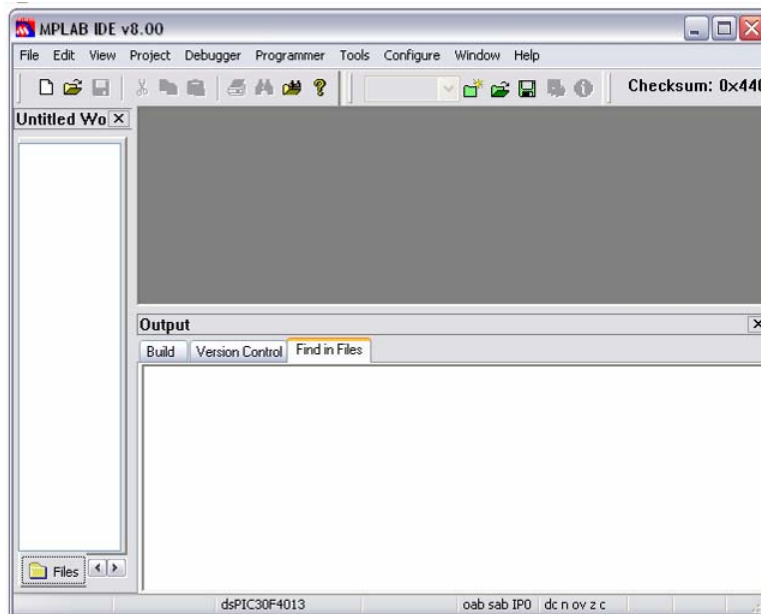
12. The release notes MPLAB C18 is being shown after the installation process since it was being selected in the last step.



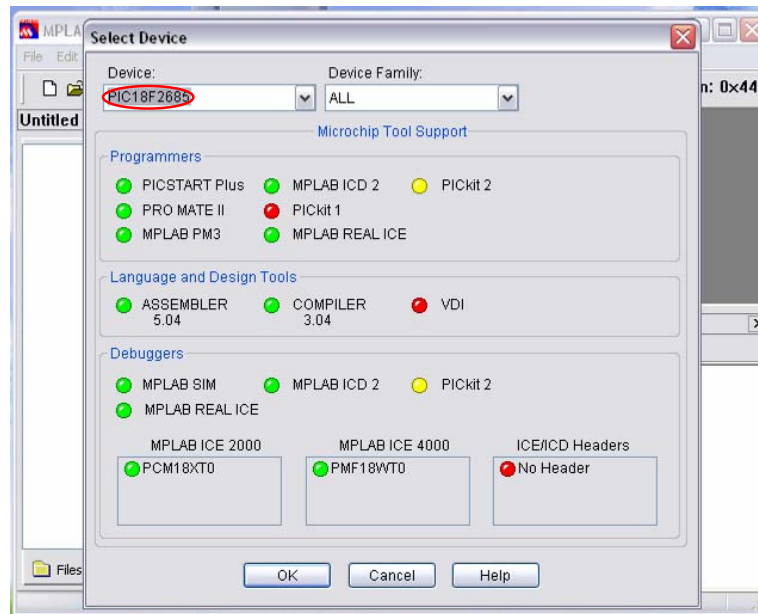
### 6.3 Using MPLAB IDE

To start MPLAB IDE, please follow the step below:

1. Double click on the icon installed on the desktop after installation or select *Start>Programs>Microchip> MPLAB IDE v8.00>MPLAB IDE*. A screen will display the MPLAB IDE logo followed by the MPLAB IDE desktop as in diagram below.

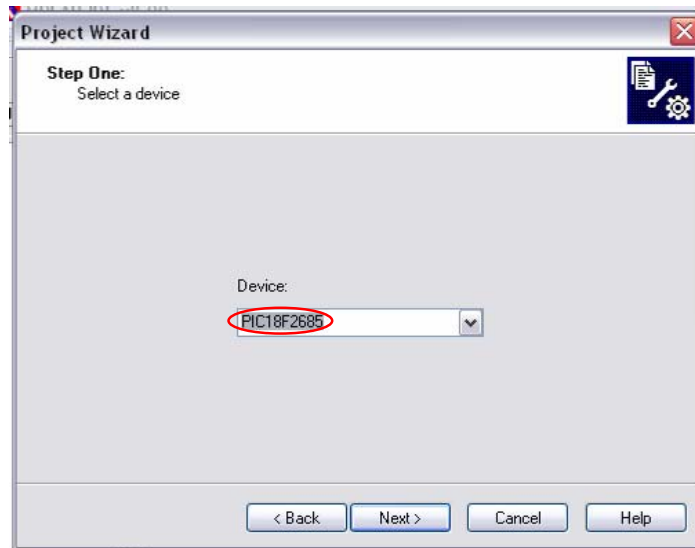


2. The capabilities of MPLAB IDE vary according to which device is selected. Device selection should be completed before starting a project. In this project, user should select PIC18F2685 as the device. Please go to *Configure>Select Device* to choose the device as shown in diagram below.



3. The “lights” indicate which MPLAB IDE components support this device.
  - A green light indicates full support.
  - A yellow light indicates minimal support for an upcoming part that might not be fully supported in this release by the particular MPLAB IDE component.
  - Components with a yellow light instead of a green light are often intended for early adopters of new parts who need quick support and understand that some operations or functions may not be available.
  - A red light indicates no support for this device. Support may be forthcoming or inappropriate for the tool, e.g., dsPIC devices cannot be supported on MPLAB ICE 2000.

4. The next step is to create a project using the Project Wizard. A project is the way the files are organized to be compiled and assembled. We Choose *Project>Project Wizard*. From the Welcome dialog, click on *Next* to proceed. The next dialog (Step One) allows you to select the device, which we've already done. Make sure that it says PIC18F2685. If it does not, select the PIC18F2685 from the drop down menu. Click *Next>*.



5. The next step of the Project Wizard is sets up the language tools that are used with this project. Select “Microchip C18 Toolsuite” in the Active Toolsuite list box. Then “MPASM”, “MPLINK”, “MPLAB” and “MPLIB” should be visible in the Toolsuite Contents box. Click on each one to see its location. If MPLAB IDE was installed into the default directory;

MPASM assembler executable will be:

*C:\MCC18\mpasm\mpasmwin.exe*

MPLINK Object linker executable will be:

*C:\MCC18\bin\mplink.exe*

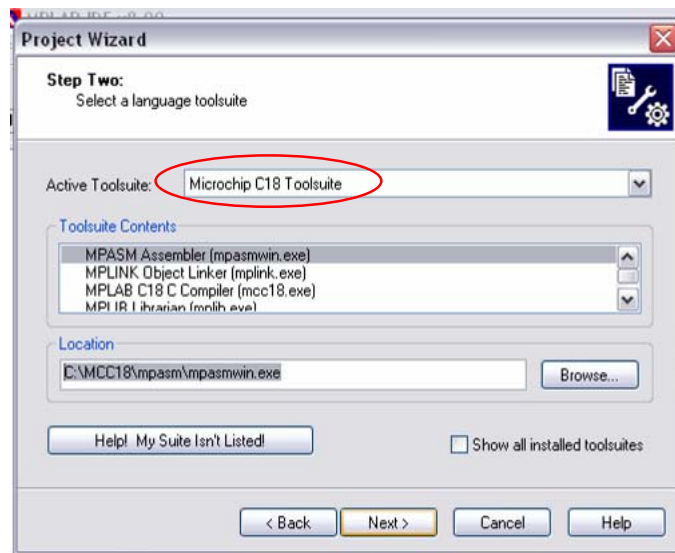
MPLAB C18 C compiler executable will be:

*C:\MCC18\bin\mcc18.exe*

MPLIB librarian executable will be:

*C:\MCC18\bin\mplib.exe*

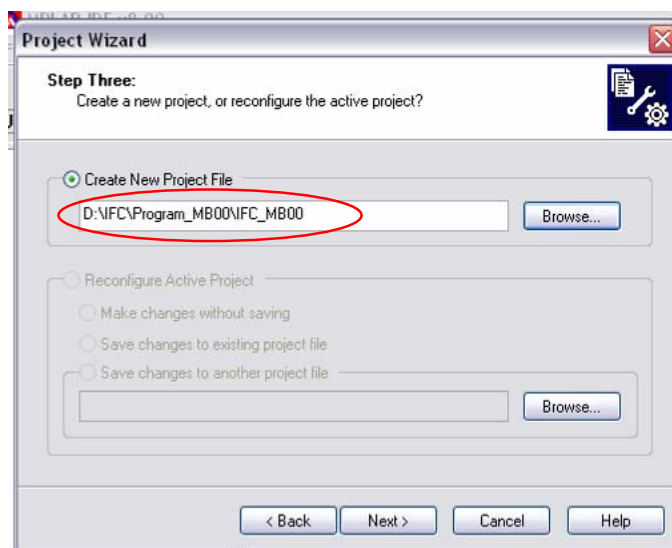
If these do not show up correctly, use the browse button to set them to the proper files in the MPLAB IDE subfolders. When you are finished, click *Next*.



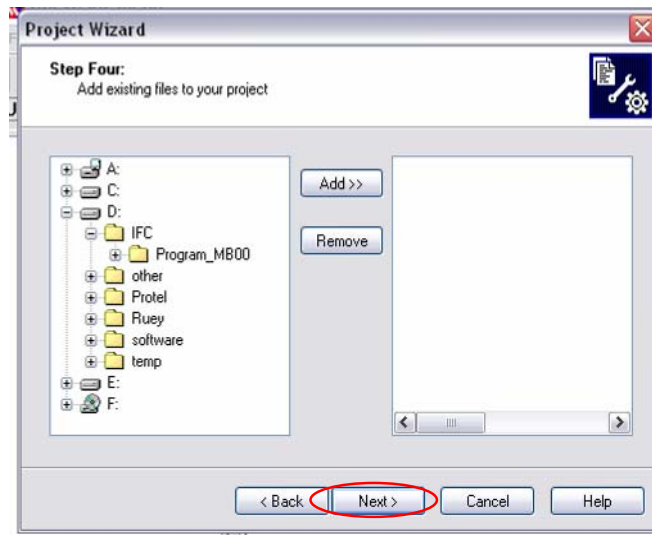
6. Step three of the project wizard allows user to create new project file. For an example, a subfolder named *Program\_MB00* was first created under *IFC* folder, then by using the *Browse...* button, browse to the subfolder, *Program\_MB00*. Project named "*IFC\_MB00*" can be created by typing the project name in the column for "File name", and click *Save*.



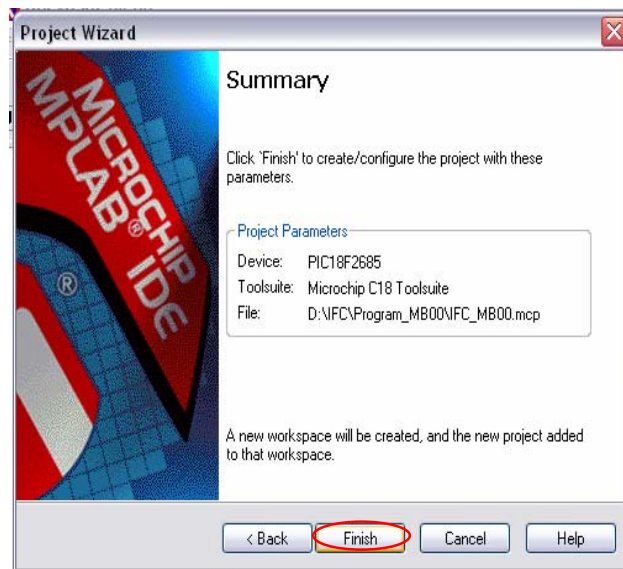
7. Diagram below shown the Project "*IFC\_MB00*" had been created and the directory. Click *Next>*.



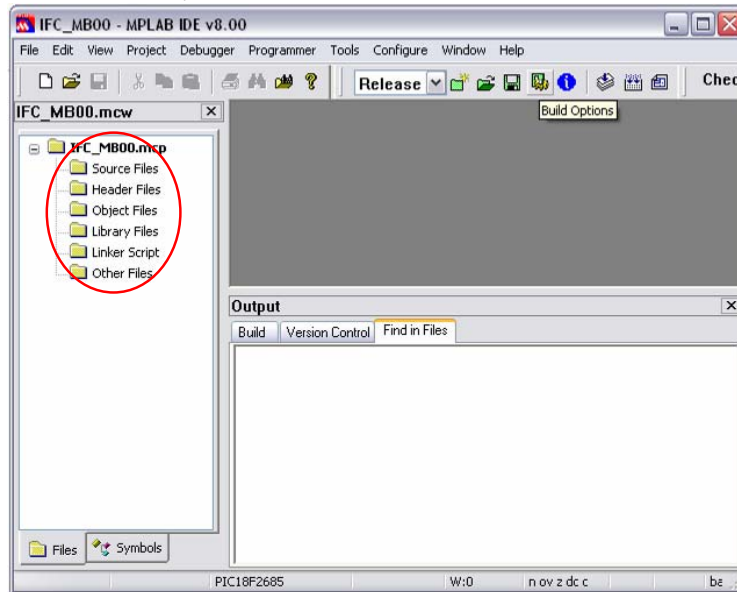
8. Step four of the project wizard allow user to add existing file to the project, however, for this project, the files will be added in step later. Please click *Next>* to proceed.



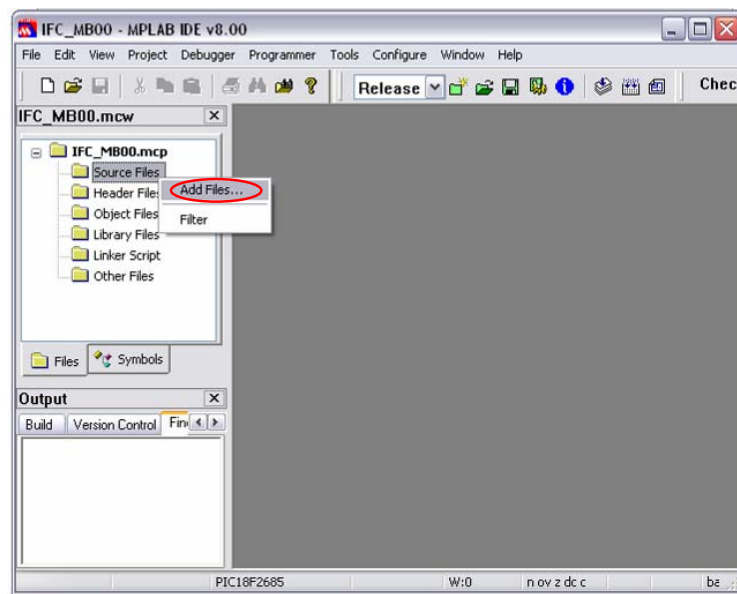
9. A summary will be shown at the end of project wizard, all the project parameters are shown. Please click *Finish* to exit from project wizard.



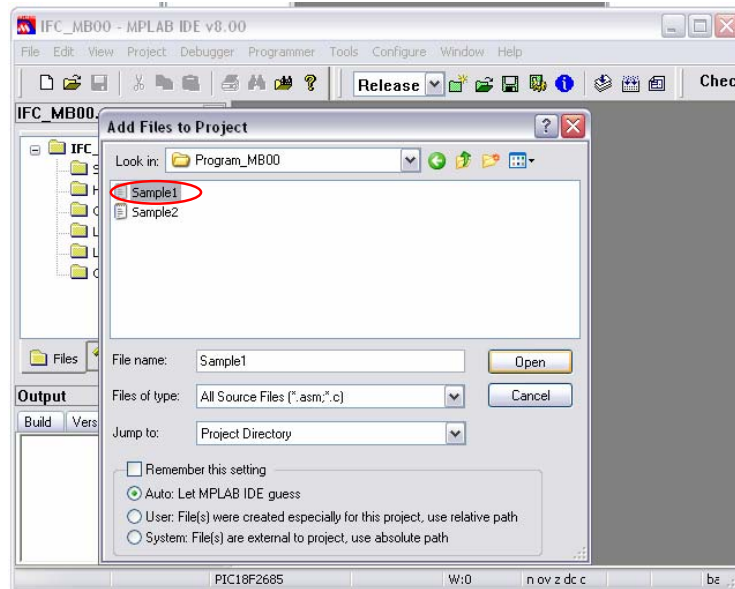
10. After pressing the *Finish* button, review the Project Window on the MPLAB IDE desktop. It should look like the diagram below. If the Project Window is not open, please select *View>Project*.



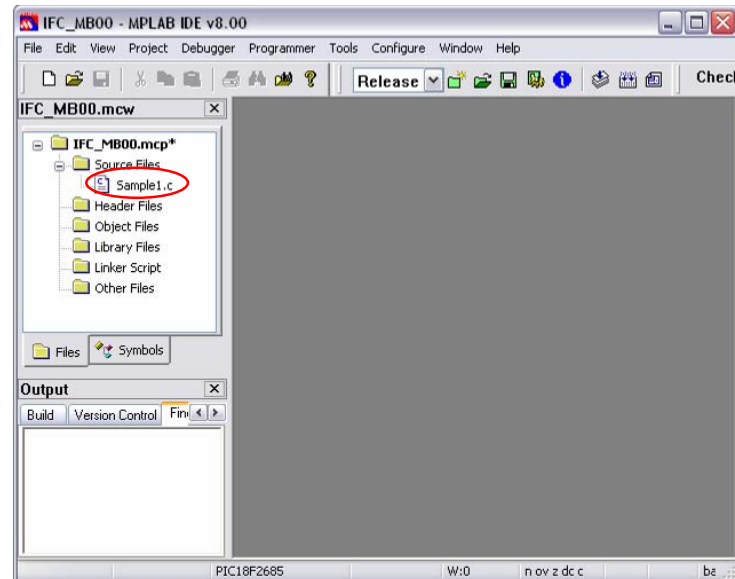
11. It is recommended for user to copy all C file, object file and header file from the CD provided to the specific project folder open for IFC-MB00 in step 6, which is *Program\_MB00*. It is because all C file, object file and header file should be place in the same folder with the project file. User should follow the subsequent steps to add files in the project created.
12. To add file in *Source Files*, right click on the *Source Files*, then click on *Add Files...*, diagram below shown the example for add file to *Source Files*.



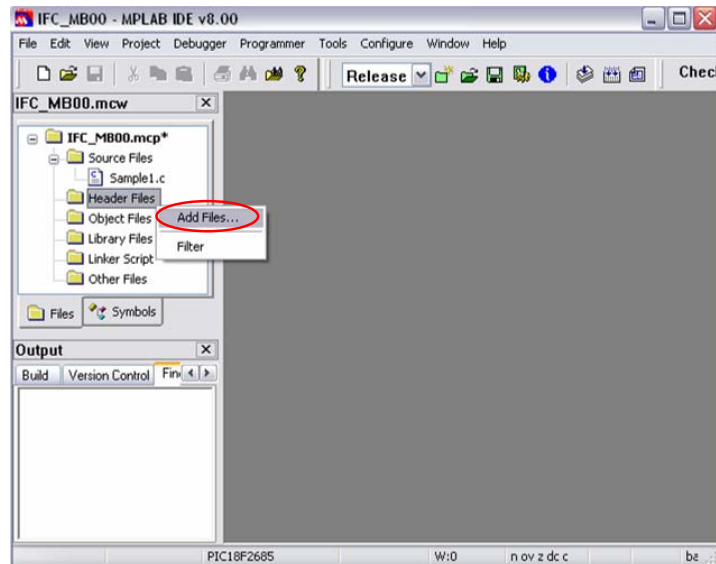
13. After clicking on *Add Files...*, a window pop out, do make sure the *Files of type* is *All Source Files (\*.asm;\*.c)*, then browse to the subfolder named *Program\_MB00* to add in “Sample1.c”. For this example, the “Sample1.c” is located in *D:\IFC\Program\_MB00*. User can select the file, “Sample1.c”, and click open to add the file.



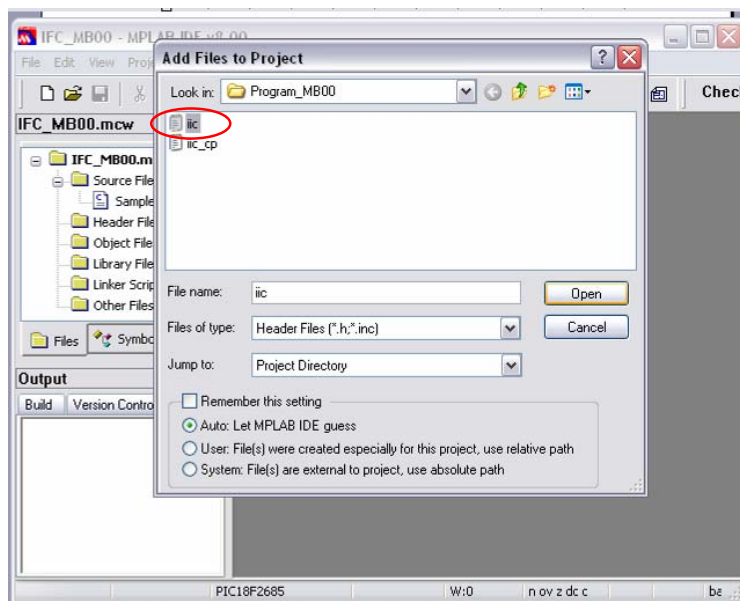
14. After the “Sample1.c” file is added under *Source Files*, the MPLAB IDE will look like the diagram below.



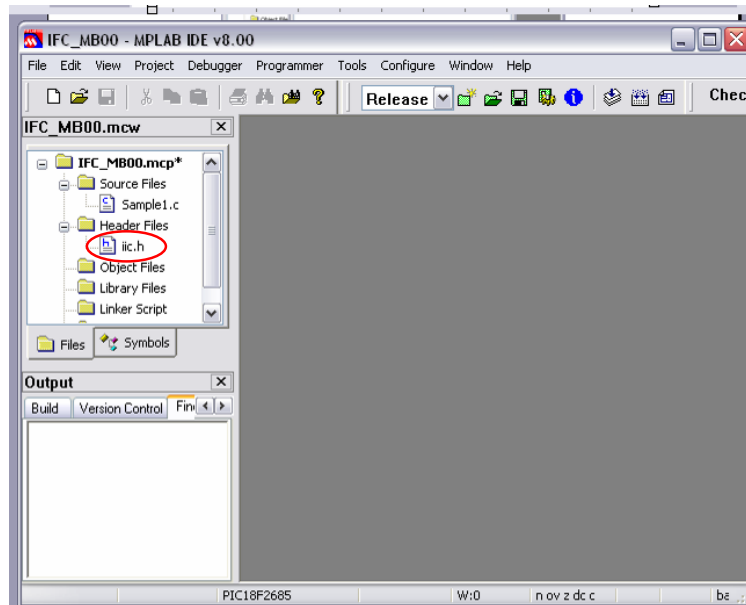
15. To add header file in the project, right click on the *Header Files*, then click on *Add Files...*, diagram below shown the example for add file to *Header Files*.



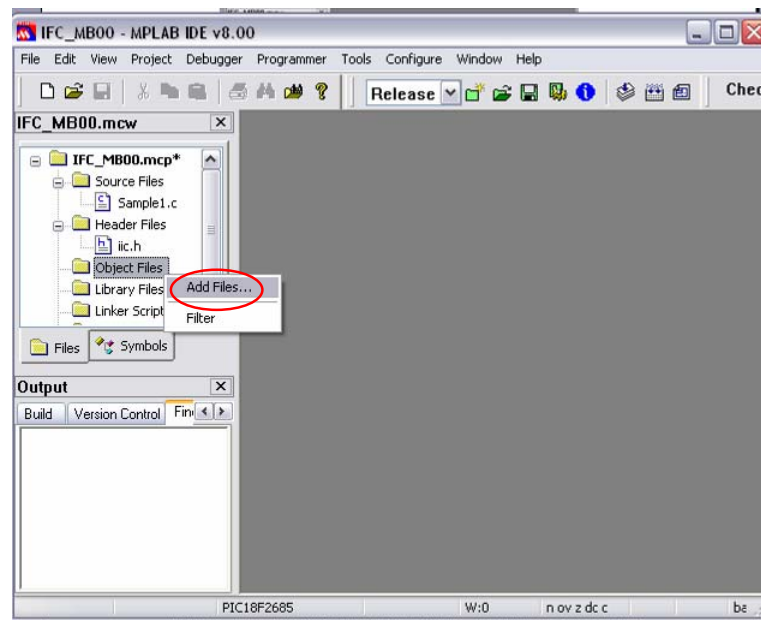
16. After clicking on *Add Files...*, a window pop out, do make sure the *Files of type* is *Header Files(\*.h;\*.inc)*, browse to the subfolder named *Program\_MB00* to add in "iic.h". For this example, the "iic.h" is located in *D:\IFC\ Program\_MB00*. Select the file "iic.h", and click open to add the file.



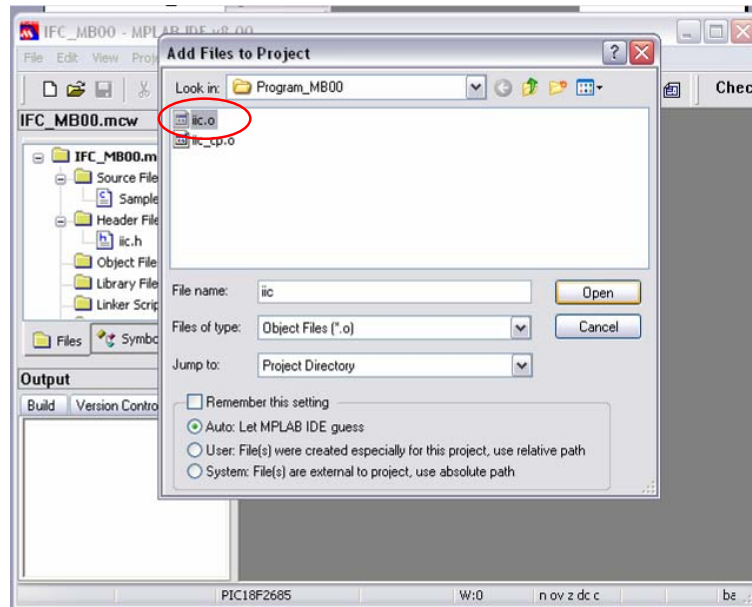
17. After the “iic.h” file is added under *Header Files*, the MPLAB IDE will look like the diagram below.



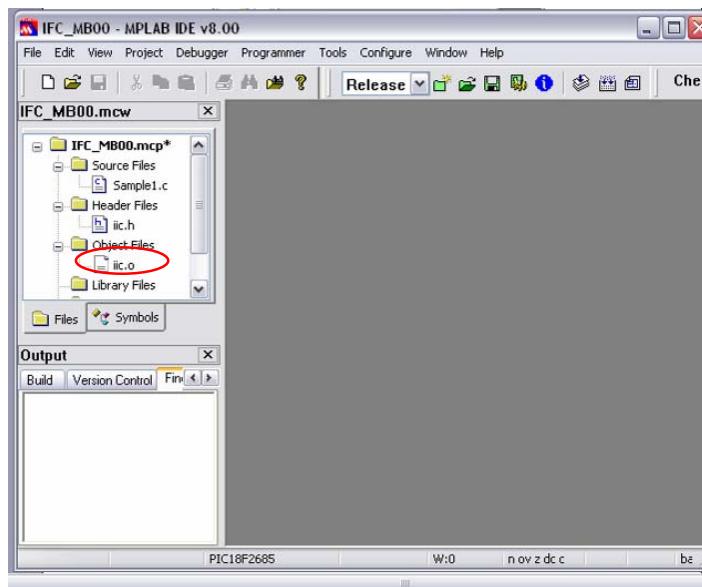
18. User may repeat the similar steps to add object file in the project. First, right click on the *Object Files*, then click on *Add Files...*, diagram below shown the example for add file to *Object Files*.



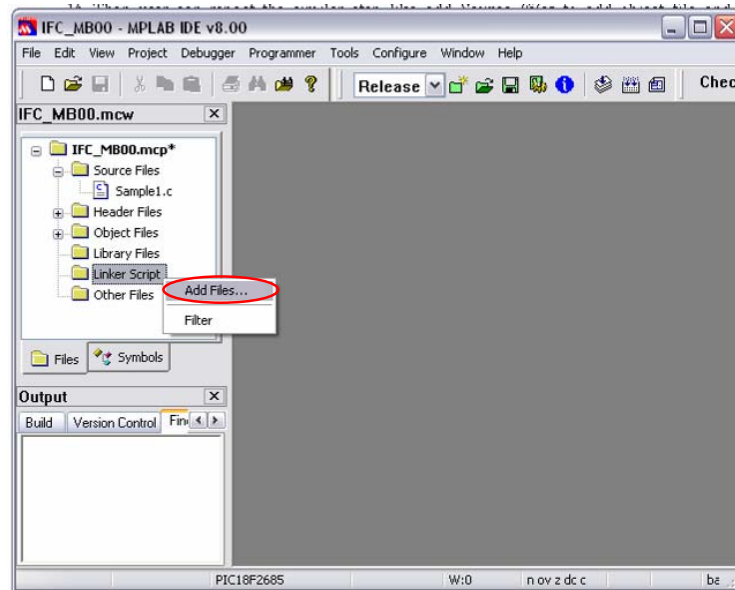
19. After clicking on *Add Files...*, a window pop out, do make sure the *Files of type* is *Object Files (\*.o)*, browse to the subfolder named *Program\_MB00* to add in “iic.o”. For this example, the “iic.o” is located in *D:\IFC\ Program\_MB00*. Select the file, “iic.o”, and click open to add the file.



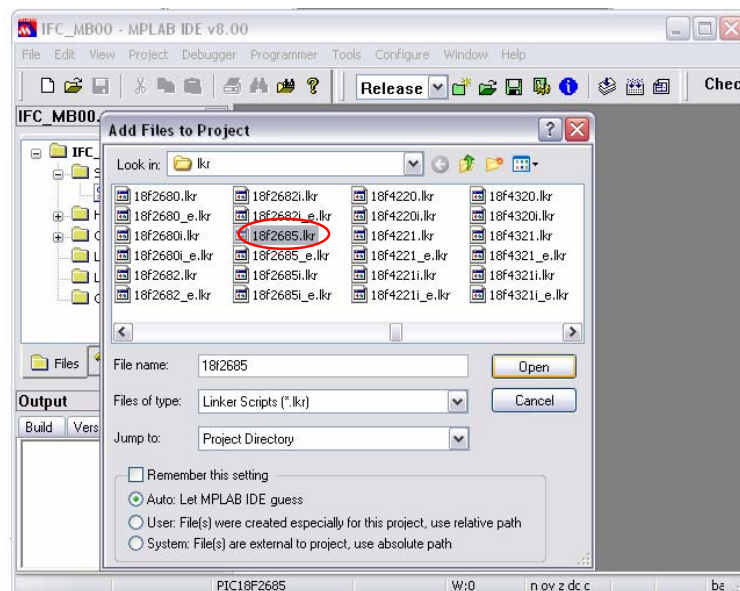
20. After the “iic.o” file is added under *Object Files*, the MPLAB IDE will look like the diagram below.



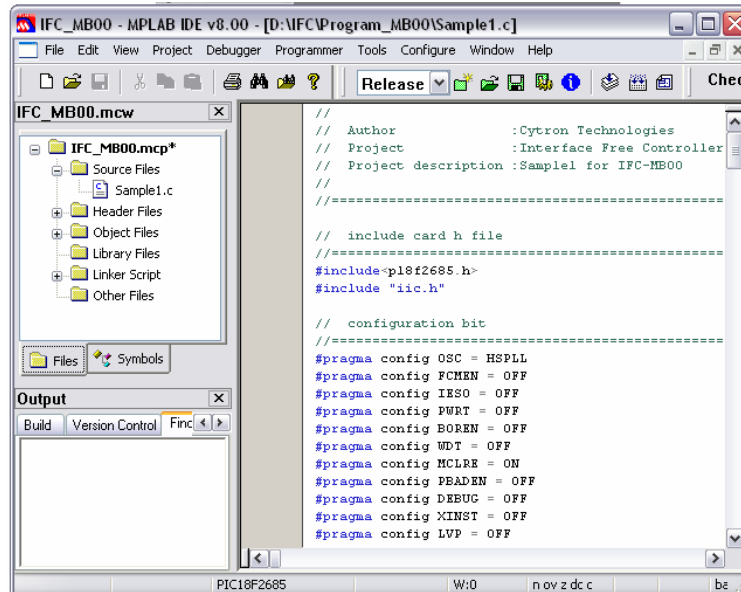
21. User also needs to add another file, *18f2685.lkr*, under *Linker Script*. If user did not change the default directory during installation in chapter 6.2, user should be able to find *18f2685.lkr* in *C:\MCC18\lkr*. Diagram below shows the example step to add file in *Linker Script*, it is similar with the steps to add C file, object file and header file.



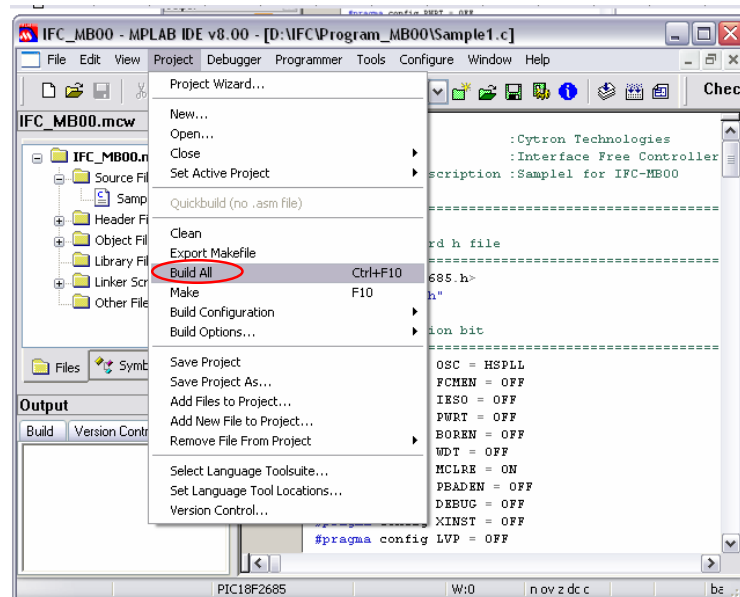
22. After selecting *18f2685.lkr*, click open, then the file will be added under *Linker Script*.



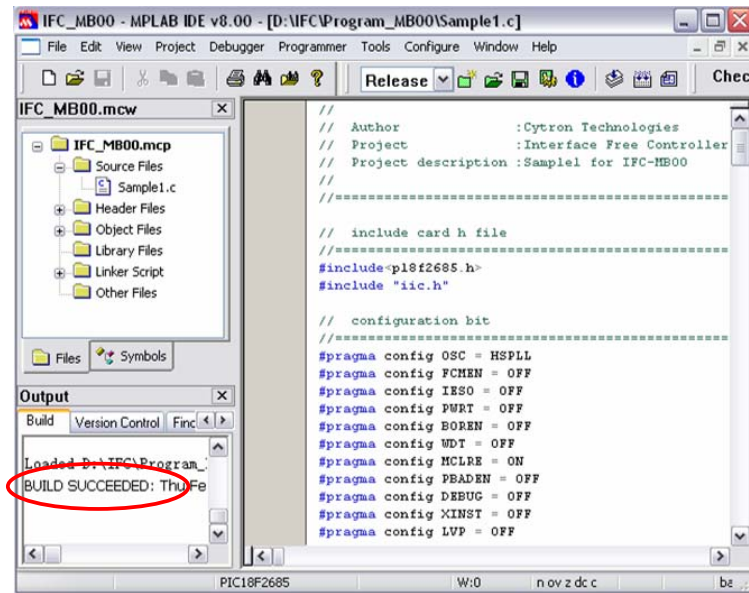
23. After added all the necessary files, user can open Sample1.c file in this workspace and try to compile it. Diagram below shown opened Sample1.c file.



24. To compile, user can go *Project>Build All* as shown in diagram below.



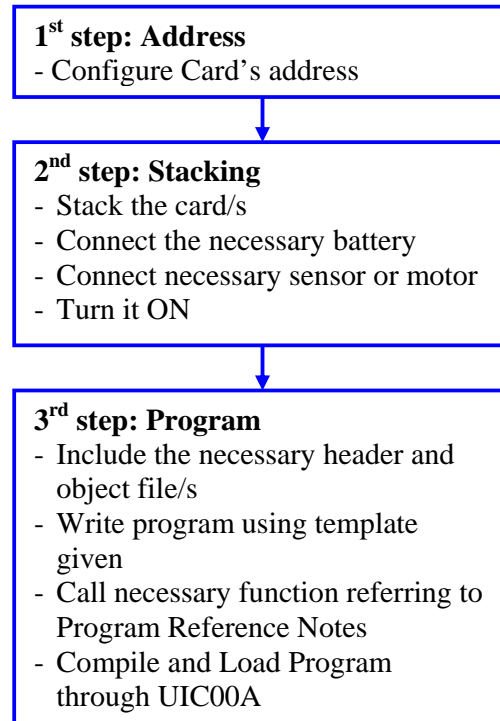
25. After build success, a message *BUILD SUCCEEDED* will appear in output window like shown in diagram below.



26. Please refer chapter 7 - Getting Started for modifying program and other setup for using IFC MB00.

## 7. GETTING STARTED

IFC is being design with the aim of 3 simple steps. Configure card address, Stack it, Load program and run. There must be at least a power card (IFC-PC00) and a main board (IFC-MB00) for this system to function. Since IFC offer many possibilities to create your own system, this section will show several examples of operating it. There should be only one power card and one main board in IFC system; however, there is not limitation (maximum 64 cards) for the amount of slave cards.



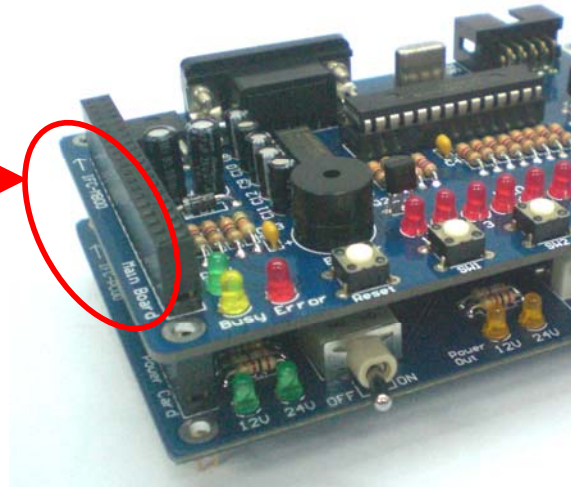
There are 2 basic setups in this chapter for IFC-MB00. First setup includes 2 cards, IFC-PC00 and IFC-MB00, and second setup includes one extra card, which is IFC-PC04. Please refer to following section of this chapter for setup details.

### 7.1 Basic setup (IFC-PC00 + IFC-MB00)

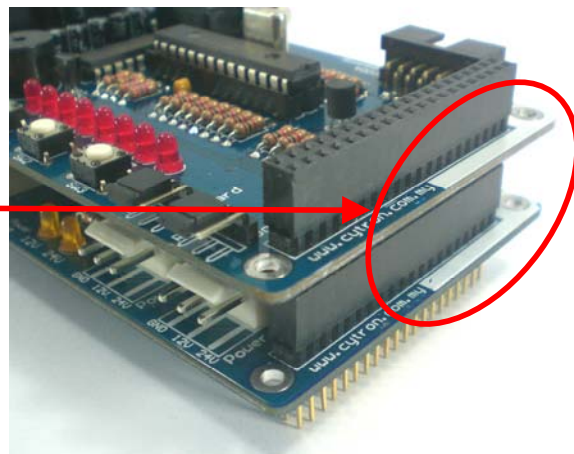
This is the basic and minimum setup for IFC to function. Though without other card, this basic setup can still perform some task such as reading switch, LED blinking pattern, controlling buzzer and RS232 communication. Following steps show the installation of this system and method to operate it.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> step should be configuring card address; however, since this is the minimum system, no configuration on card address is necessary.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> step is to stack both these cards. Power card (IFC-PC00) should be at the bottom, while Main board (IFC-MB00) at the top or 2<sup>nd</sup> layer as shown in following figure.

Ensure the arrow points to the same direction

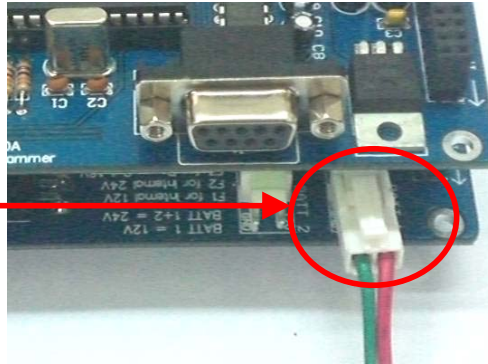


Ensure the orientation marking at the same side.

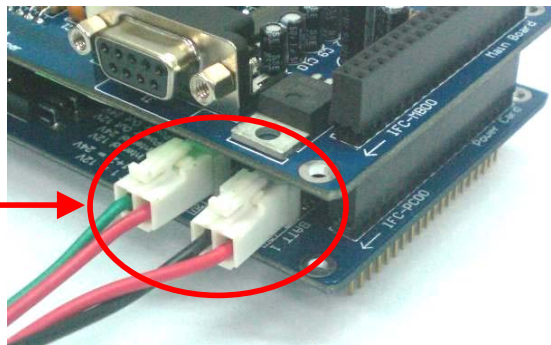


- c. Connect the battery to Power card as shown; please ensure the **polarity is correct**.

Connect 1 x 12V  
battery to supply  
operating voltage to  
IFC. **Ensure the  
polarity is correct.**



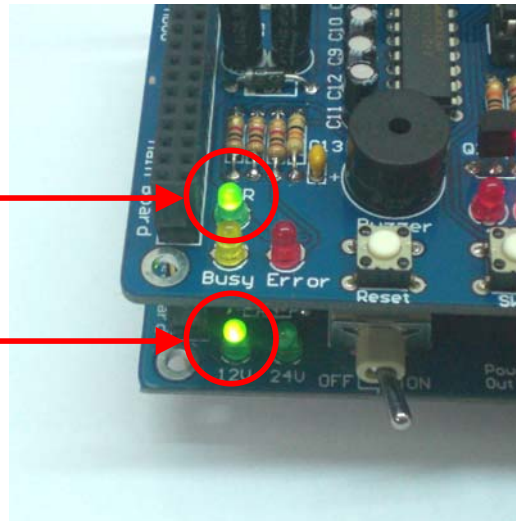
If 24V is needed in  
the system, connect  
2 x 12V batteries to  
PC00. **Ensure the  
polarity is correct.**



- d. Turn on the IFC power by pushing the toggle switch to “ON”. There should be at least 2 LED (PWR LED on Main Brain and 12V LED on Power Card) light up as show.

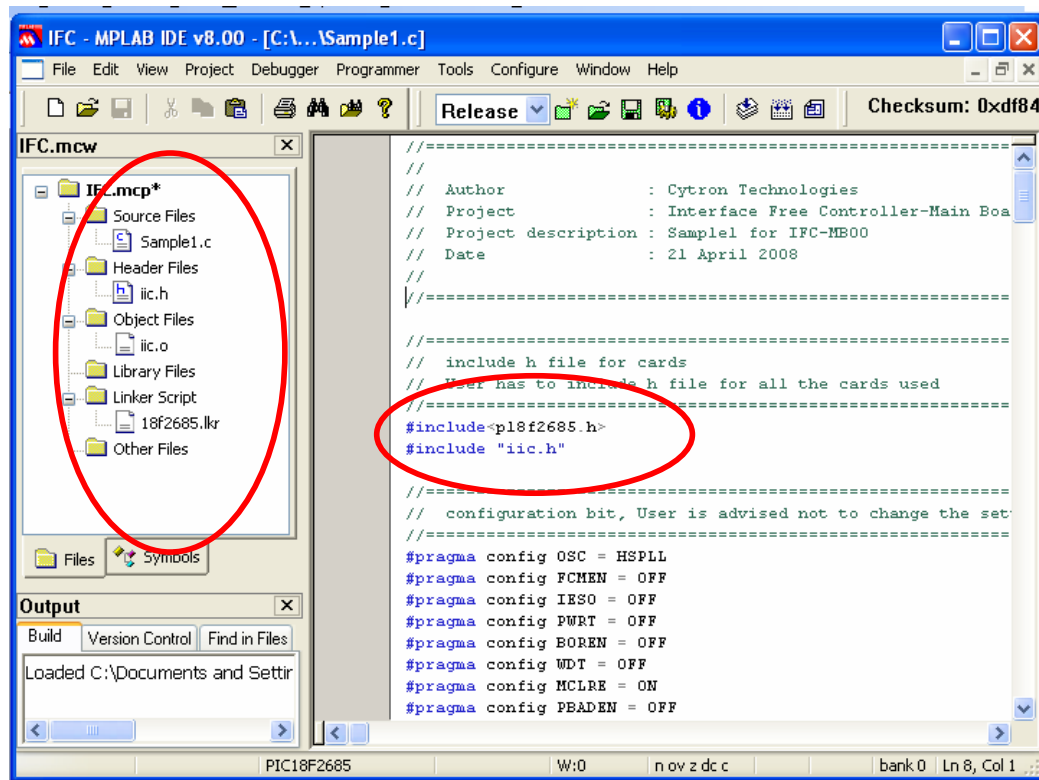
PWR LED on  
IFC - MB00

12V LED on  
IFC - PC00



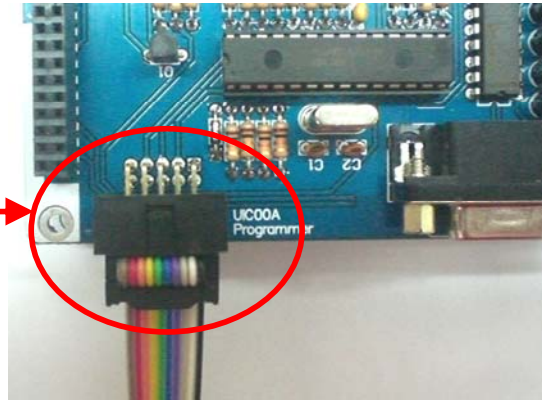
- e. By default, IFC-MB00 is loaded with a demo firmware which will show LED blinking when it is powered up.

- f. 3<sup>rd</sup> step is to write program and load it. IFC comes with comprehensive function to save program development time. Functions library will come with the interfacing card in the form of header file (\*.h) and object file (\*.o). In order to call these functions, particular header file and object file must be included under a project.
- g. Open MPLAB IDE (please ensure, MPLAB C18 is being installed). User can follow the step in chapter 6.2 Using MPLAB IDE to open project named “IFC\_MB00” for IFC Main Brain. Please note that the header file (iic.h) and object file (iic.o) for IFC-MB00 has to be included in the project. If user did not use the provided sample source code, “Sample1.c”, user also needs to include card's header file at the beginning of the program. Figure shows the example to include header file, object file and card's header file.



- h. For those wanted to understand the program, please refer to c file named “Sample1.c” which is provided with this card.
- i. After completed the steps in chapter 6.2, a hex file for the sample project should be generated. Connect UIC00A IDC connector to IFC-MB00A as shown. The hex file generated is named “IFC\_MB00.hex”. Please note that Hex file generated from MPLAB IDE will be named according to project name, not C file name or header file name.

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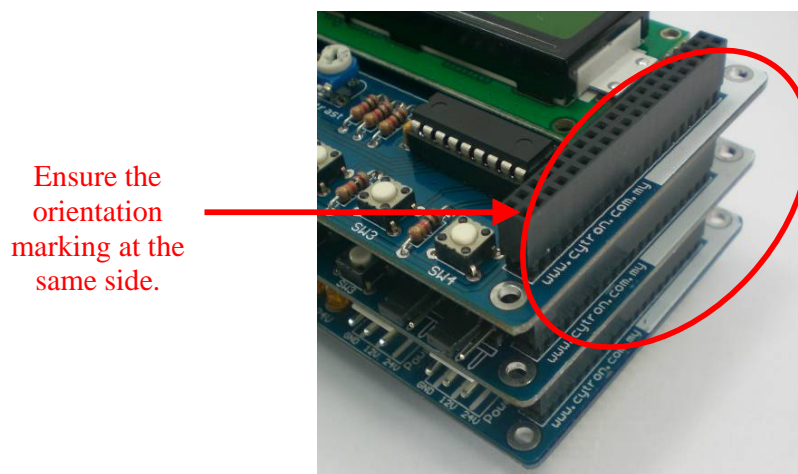
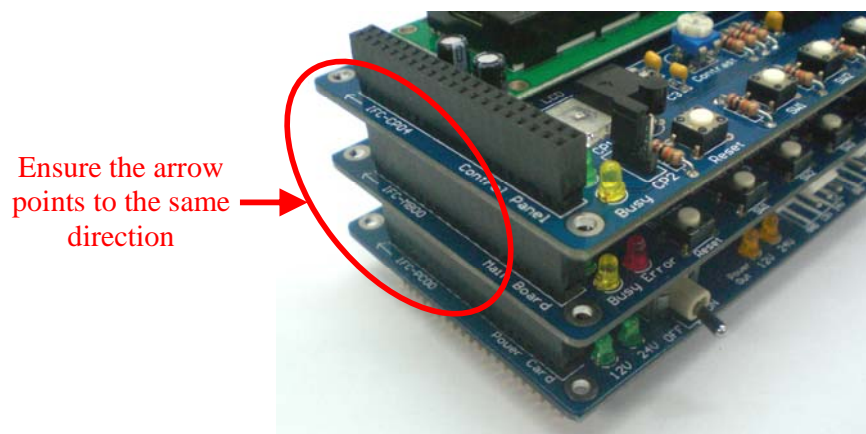


- j. Power up IFC system if it is OFF. Load the hex file generated to IFC main board using UIC00A (refer to UIC00A User's Manual for details). Check the result of program, debug/modify if necessary.
- k. User is free to modify the sample program to play with the IFC-MB00. After modifying the sample program, user can follow step No.24 in chapter 6.2 to compile and generate hex file. Hex file can be loaded again to IFC main board and check the result of program.
- l. To remove a card from IFC system, the power should be switched OFF.
- m. Please use proper tool to remove the card. User may refer last section in chapter 5.0 Installation (hardware) for the method to open card with provided IFC card opener.

## 7.2 Basic Setup with Control Panel (IFC-PC00 + IFC-MB00 + IFC-CP04)

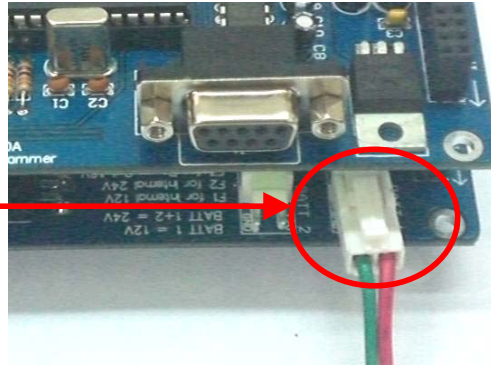
Adding a control panel which comes with a 2 x16 character LCD and 4 programmable push buttons will offer more interesting demonstration. Following steps show the installation of this system and method to operate it.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> step, configure the address of card. Control Panel has a mini jumper to configure address. It should be set to “CP1” (Upper side) if sample source code is being used.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> step is to stack all three cards together. Power card (IFC-PC00) should be at the bottom, while Main board (IFC-MB00) at 2<sup>nd</sup> layer and Control Panel (IFC-CP04) at top layer as shown in following figure.

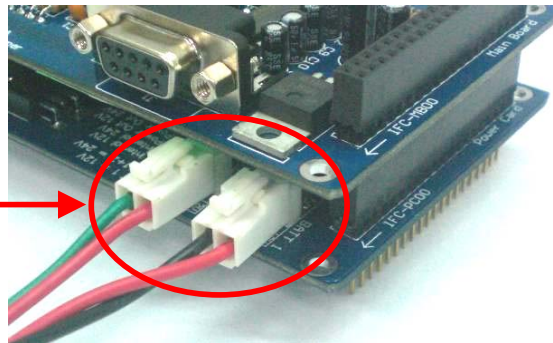


- c. Connect the battery to Power card as shown; please ensure the **polarity is correct**.

Connect 1 x 12V  
battery to supply  
operating voltage to  
IFC. **Ensure the  
polarity is correct.**



If 24V is needed in  
the system, connect  
2 x 12V batteries to  
PC00. **Ensure the  
polarity is correct.**

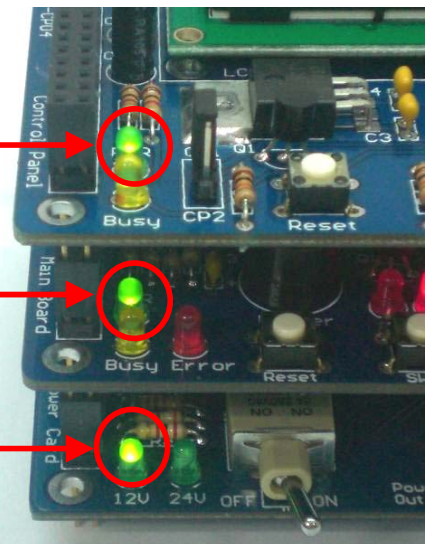


- d. Turn ON the IFC power by pushing the toggle switch to “ON”. There should be at least 3 LED (12V LED on Power Card, PWR LED on Main Brain and PWR LED on Control Panel) light up as show.

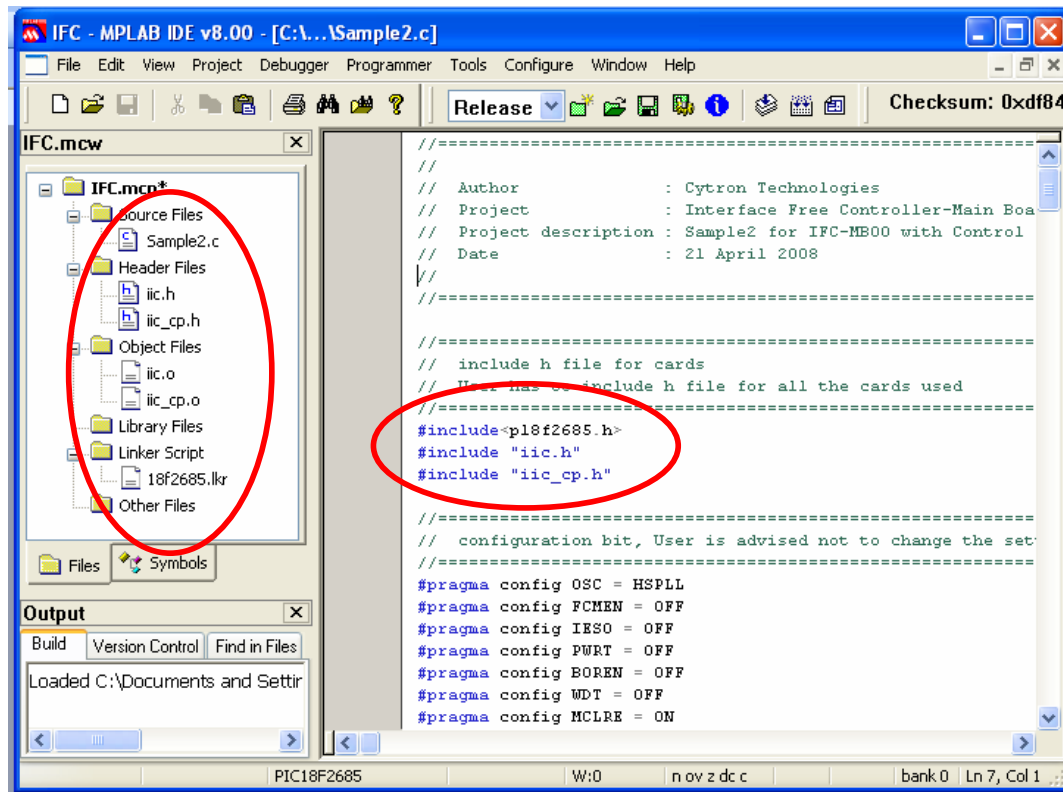
PWR LED on  
IFC - CP04

PWR LED on  
IFC - MB00

12V LED on  
IFC - PC00



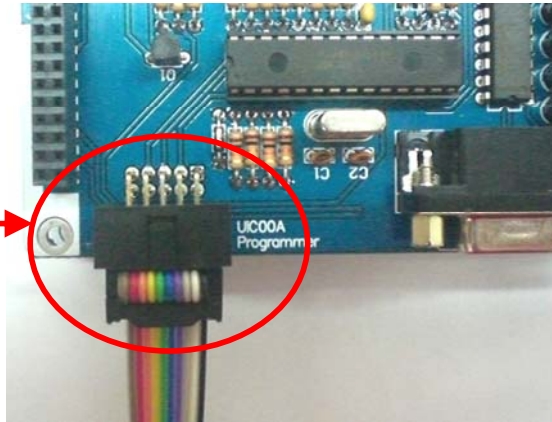
- e. 3<sup>rd</sup> step is to write program and load it. IFC comes with comprehensive function to save program development time. Functions library will come with the interfacing card in the form of header file (\*.h) and object file (\*.o). In order to call these functions, particular header file and object file must be included under a project.
- f. Open MPLAB IDE (please ensure, MPLAB C18 is being installed). User can follow the step in chapter 6.2 Using MPLAB IDE to open project named “IFC\_CP” for IFC Control Panel. Please note that the header file (iic.h and iic\_cp.h) and object file (iic.o and iic\_cp.o) for IFC-MB00 and IFC-CP04 have to be included in the project. If user did not use the provided sample source code, “Sample2.c”, user also needs to include card's header file at the beginning of the program. Figure shows the example to include header file, object file and card's header file.



- g. For those wanted to understand the program, please refer to c file named “Sample2.c” which is provided with this card.

- h. Compile this project to generate hex file. Connect UIC00A IDC connector to IFC-MB00 as show. The hex file generated is named “IFC\_CP.hex”. Please note that Hex file generated from MPLAB IDE will be named according to project name, not C file name or header file name.

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- i. However, user may also add the “Sample2.c”, “iic\_cp.h” and “iic\_cp.o” to project opened in chapter 7.0 without creating a new project for Control Panel.
- j. Load the hex file generated to UIC00A using PICKit2 window (refer to UIC00A User's Manual for details). Power up IFC system if it is OFF.
- k. This sample project will print message at LCD on Control panel after reset. The message print after reset are:

Welcome!  
IFC User

- l. There are also 4 modes for user to select in program “Sample2.c”. User can select mode by pressing push button on IFC-CP04. Each time after selecting the mode, user needs to press reset to exit if other mode is require to be tested. The modes are:

Mode	Push Button	Function
1	SW1	Display Thank You note to IFC user, LED No.1 on IFC-MB00 will turn ON and buzzer on MB00 will ‘beep’ for 1 time.
2	SW2	Display Decimal Number 123456 on LCD, LED No.2 on IFC-MB00 will turn ON and buzzer on MB00 will ‘beep’ for 2 times.
3	SW3	Display Character ‘A’ on LCD, LED No.3 on IFC-MB00 will turn ON and buzzer on MB00 will ‘beep’ for 3 times.
4	SW4	Display Binary Number 10101010 on LCD, LED No.4 on IFC-MB00 will turn ON and buzzer on MB00 will ‘beep’ for 4 times.

- m. Please refer the comment in source code for the details of mode.
- n. To remove a card from IFC system, the power should be switched OFF.
- o. Please use proper tool to remove the card. User may refer last section in chapter 5.0 Installation (hardware) for the method to open card with provided IFC card opener.

**Note 1:** User can refer to IFC-CP04 Card Library Function for the program function list. It will help user in writing program for IFC-CP04.

**Note 2:** There is also a Template file included in the CD, user can find the template in folder “IFC/Program\_MB00”. The Template will help user to start basic program development for IFC system.

**Note 3:** Each time opening a new project for IFC, user needs to add **ALL** header files and object files for all related IFC cards used. User also needs to include **ALL** cards' header file at the beginning of the program. Please refer sample source code for the example to include card h file.

## **8. WARRANTY**

- Product warranty is valid for 6 months.
- Warranty only applies to manufacturing defect.
- Damage caused by misuse is not covered under warranty.
- Warranty does not cover freight cost for both ways.

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